

Politics cont.

	Teaching quality %	Student experience %	Research quality %	Entry standards (UCAS points)	Graduate prospects %	Overall score
=38 Plymouth	83.8	80.5	37.9	107	80.1	88.3
40 Essex	84.4	84.2	60.5	112	64.4	88.2
41 Leicester	84	80.8	36.8	119	76.6	88.1
42 Southampton	76.7	70.7	39.8	136	82.4	88
=43 Queen's, Belfast	76.9	71.9	40.8	142	79.2	87.9
=43 Liverpool	81.4	76.3	39.8	132	75.7	87.9
45 Portsmouth	84.3	82.3	51.7	102	70.3	87.7
46 East Anglia	79.2	72.6	56.2	123	70.6	87.3
47 Leeds	73.6	73.4	35.8	154	78.8	87.2
48 Bournemouth	80.6	70.5	47.2	103	77.6	86.8
49 Chester	92.3	84.5	12.8	101	77.2*	86.6
50 Coventry	91.1	89	39.5	96	63.6	86.5
51 Nottingham Trent	85.1	81.2	29.5	103	75.9	86.4
52 Kent	82.5	78	41	112	69.8	85.8
53 Ulster	83.9	80.4	53.8	109	60.4	85.6
54 Manchester Metropolitan	86.6	79.6	29	114	68.3	85.3
=55 Brighton	85.4	60.9	44.2	95	71.7	84.8
=55 Leeds Beckett	89.9	86.8	15.5	93	71.9	84.8
57 Lincoln	82.6	74.5	34	109	69.6	84.4
58 Hull	88.6	80.8	11.2	117	69.9	84.2
59 Sheffield Hallam	89.7	75	—	102	78.9	83.8
60 Westminster	85.3	80.3	41.5	108	57.8	83.6
61 West of England	85.4	83.1	35.2	108	56.9	83
=62 West of Scotland	88	78.4	13.2	—	66.1	82.7
=62 Dundee	80.9	71.2	—	179	65.8	82.7
64 Oxford Brookes	81	76	27.5	103	67.7	82.4
=65 Canterbury Christ Church	93.4	85.7	13.2	89	58.3	81.7
=65 De Montfort	88	76.2	—	97	73	81.7
67 Northampton	79.5	71.4	1.2	—	81.0*	81.6
68 Keele	78.6	73.4	28	110	64.8	81.3
=69 Greenwich	81.3	76.7	—	105	71.4	80.1
=69 Liverpool Hope	86.4	76.1	5.5	107	63	80.1
71 Goldsmiths, London	71.4	62.8	29	108	67.9	79.1
72 Winchester	77.3	52.7	19.8	101	59.7	76

Employed in high-skilled job	46%	Employed in lower-skilled job	22%
Employed in high-skilled job and studying	5%	Employed in lower-skilled job and studying	1%
Studying	10%	Unemployed	7%
High-skilled work (median) salary	£27,500	Low-/medium-skilled salary	£20,352

Psychology

The London School of Economics (LSE) is No 1 out of the 115 universities in our Psychology table. It is the third year running that LSE has topped the ranking, where its eminence is secured

with the top research rating by a clear margin, based on our analysis of the Research Excellence Framework 2021, as well as rates of student satisfaction which place the LSE third for teaching quality and fourth for the wider experience. St Andrews, in second place overall, is top for graduate prospects and one of only 11 universities where at least 80% of graduates were in high-skilled jobs or postgraduate study 15 months after their degrees. While the older institutions dominate the upper ranks of the main table, Cumbria (in 59th place overall) outdoes all others for students' evaluation of teaching quality, followed by Wales Trinity (32nd). Cumbria also leads for the wider student experience, followed by Bath (fifth overall). Conversely, Northampton gets the lowest ratings for both of these student-led metrics and places 115th overall.

Most undergraduate programmes are accredited by the British Psychological Society, which ensures that key topics are covered, but the clinical and biological content of courses varies considerably. Some courses require maths and/or biology A-levels among three high grade passes, while others are much less demanding. The contrast is evident in the table, with 35 universities averaging at least 144 points in the UCAS tariff (equivalent to three As at A-level) and another 24 falling below 110 points.

Professor Peter Fonagy, head of the Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, UCL explains that "Psychologists ask fundamental questions about consciousness, memory, language and other aspects of people that are not yet fully understood. They address mental health issues that pervade society, from day-to-day wellbeing to treatment of clinical disorders. They use their knowledge of how to change human behaviour to respond to global challenges such as climate change, pandemic disease and artificial intelligence."

The numbers of psychology students accepted onto courses grew by 50% in the decade up to 2018 and have continued their incline more recently. Even after a 3% decline in 2023, psychology still received over 126,000 applications and 26,775 new students were accepted onto courses. Immediate career prospects are unlikely to be what is attracting so many students: psychology ranks 67th in our 70-subject employment table, based on only half of graduates being employed in professional-level jobs and/or studying within 15 months of finishing their degrees. The proportion working in "low-skilled" jobs at this point after graduation (31.9%) is not far below the proportion that had secured full-time professional jobs (34.2%). Explaining this, commentators within psychology suggest that graduates may benefit from a more gradual transition into complex psychological roles, such as those involving direct work with clients and service users, and that experience gained in non-graduate jobs can help to build confidence and serve as stepping stones to putting their university-acquired skills into practice. Average graduate salaries of £23,000 rank the subject =61st out of 70.

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	Teaching quality %	Student experience %	Research quality %	Entry standards (UCAS points)	Graduate prospects %	Overall score
1 London School of Economics	91.3	90.9	86.2	197	—	100
2 St Andrews	85.2	84.8	61.8	201	90.6	97
3 Cambridge	86.6	70.7	75	188	83.3	94.3
4 Oxford	87.6	68.9	75.5	195	—	94
5 Bath	85.4	91.3	37.2	185	83.4	92.8
6 University College London	77.3	78.9	73.2	180	84.2	92.6
7 Strathclyde	82.5	79.9	65.8	195	76.4	92.5
=8 Glasgow	82.5	79.2	65.8	205	73.4	92.4
=8 York	87.2	87.3	69.2	159	76.5	92.4
10 King's College London	82.7	81	69	176	79.3	92.3

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11 Loughborough	82.2	86.3	66.8	157	81.1	91.7
12 Warwick	85.4	85.9	57.5	154	79.1	90.9
=13 Cardiff	76.9	77.8	68.8	166	80.9	90.3
=13 Exeter	77.9	80.2	62.7	166	81.4	90.3
15 Surrey	88.1	90.1	58	134	76.6	90.2
16 Durham	78.2	77.3	50	172	84.4	90
17 Glasgow Caledonian	85.3	83.6	61	179	63.1	89
18 Royal Holloway	78.5	80	74	143	75.1	88.5
19 Sheffield	81.9	84.6	62.7	144	70.8	87.9
20 Birmingham	76.3	76	64	151	77.7	87.8
21 Newcastle	78.7	77.7	55.2	154	76.5	87.7
22 Reading	79	81.2	56.2	131	79.6	87.3
=23 Bristol	74.7	74.3	57.8	167	74.9	87.1
=23 Edinburgh	67.5	70.6	76.8	194	68.4	87.1
25 Aberdeen	83.5	82.8	49	171	61.7	86.6
=26 Lancaster	78.6	78.9	48.8	150	74.2	86.4
=26 Chichester	90.7	87.2	8	114	84.9	86.4
28 Manchester	74.5	75.9	62.7	157	71.9	86.3
29 Aston	84.8	86.2	46	124	72.2	86.2
=30 East Anglia	76	79.7	60.8	134	75.1	86.1
=30 Nottingham	76.1	78.4	52.2	153	73.7	86.1
32 Wales Trinity St David	93.5	88.3	1.2	128	77.5	85.9
=33 Queen's, Belfast	83.6	83.7	31	155	69.6	85.8
=33 Leeds	77.5	76.3	53.2	157	70	85.8
35 Liverpool	74.5	77.5	65.5	141	71.3	85.5
36 Southampton	77.3	80.2	60.5	147	66.6	85.4
37 Leicester	80.6	86	55	125	68.7	85.3
=38 Stirling	78.5	77	47.2	166	65.6	85.1
=38 Heriot-Watt	75.8	78.7	13.5	162	81.8	85.1
40 Ulster	83.1	82.6	41.8	126	71.1	84.9
=41 Portsmouth	86.4	85.6	40.8	121	68.1	84.8
=41 Suffolk	90.2	87.7	—	105	84	84.8
=41 Sussex	77.2	77.9	59.5	139	68.2	84.8
=41 Edinburgh Napier	84.5	83.5	—	165	74	84.8
=41 Bangor	82.9	80.4	47	121	71.5	84.8
46 Staffordshire	90.2	84.1	30.8	111	70.7	84.5
47 Dundee	80	77	39	173	61.7	84.3
=48 City	82.7	86.6	36	137	65.4	84.2
=48 Northumbria	83.1	83.5	28	139	69.3	84.2
50 Lincoln	81	81	39.5	125	71.9	84.1
51 Abertay	92.8	89.5	21	144	56.4	83.9
52 Essex	79.9	80.6	56	117	67.4	83.8
53 Kent	71.8	72.6	50.7	138	73.6	83.3
=54 Manchester Metropolitan	83.9	83	36	125	63.8	82.9

=54 Nottingham Trent	81.7	81.2	39.2	120	67.2	82.9
=54 Hull	82.6	79.8	40.5	119	66.8	82.9
=57 Oxford Brookes	82	81.7	39	115	68.1	82.8
=57 Swansea	77.7	77.5	30	131	73	82.8
59 Cumbria	96.2	93.5	—	118	61.9	82.7
60 Sunderland	85.6	74.5	30.2	112	71.4	82.6
61 Teesside	88.8	87.3	7.2	107	70.7	82.2
62 Plymouth	77.4	76.4	40.5	125	68.5	82.1
=63 Bolton	89.4	83.4	1.8	116	69.9	81.9
=63 Liverpool John Moores	84.2	83.6	16.2	138	63.2	81.9
65 Coventry	80.9	79.1	47	113	63.4	81.8
66 Edge Hill	79.2	81.5	18.8	130	69.3	81.6
67 South Wales	88.1	86.6	—	114	69	81.4
=68 West of England	78.8	76.8	35.2	124	66	81.3
=68 Canterbury Christ Church	85.3	88.3	24	103	64.1	81.3
70 Central Lancashire	78.4	78.3	30	120	68.3	81.2
71 Derby	87.8	88.3	10.2	115	62.8	81.1
72 Keele	75.4	78.7	35.2	115	69.6	81
73 Aberystwyth	85.7	85	12.5	120	63.3	80.9
74 Newman	90	89	3.5	96	66.6	80.7
75 St Mary's, Twickenham	85.5	85.4	—	107	70.4	80.5
76 Huddersfield	85	82.9	22	117	60.1	80.4
=77 York St John	83	81.2	20.5	114	63.6	80.3
=77 Bournemouth	76.5	81.2	22.8	109	71	80.3
=79 Wolverhampton	90.4	86.3	12.5	99	58.8	79.7
=79 Birmingham City	82.6	82.3	18.2	115	61.6	79.7
=81 Gloucestershire	81.8	80.5	5	117	67	79.5
=81 Anglia Ruskin	80.7	78.2	25	101	66.2	79.5
=81 Liverpool Hope	79.9	77.2	32	112	61.3	79.5
=84 East London	80.4	76.3	23.2	103	67.1	79.4
=84 Leeds Beckett	84.3	84	21.5	105	59.2	79.4
=86 West London	86.7	83.9	—	111	63.5	79.3
=86 Middlesex	79.7	80.6	30.2	104	62.1	79.3
88 Worcester	78.7	79.3	19.2	112	64.9	79.1
=89 Hertfordshire	80.2	79.3	39.8	102	57.9	79
=89 Queen Margaret, Edinburgh	75.6	70.6	21	158	57.5	79
91 Chester	81.6	80.5	13	120	60.8	78.9
=92 Greenwich	73.7	75.4	32.3	115	64.4	78.8
=92 Sheffield Hallam	78.5	76.9	26.8	111	62.2	78.8
94 Westminster	79.4	80.5	24.8	110	60.1	78.7
95 Leeds Trinity	79.9	78.7	9.2	106	67.4	78.5
96 Queen Mary, London	76.7	79.3	—	145	61.8	78.4
=97 Salford	78	79.1	37	117	53.7	78.3
=97 London South Bank	80.2	74.5	18	105	65	78.3
99 London Metropolitan	87.3	86.7	—	90	62.5	78.1
100 Winchester	80.8	81.8	16.2	110	57.7	77.8
=101 Brunel	75.3	76.7	23.2	109	61.8	77.5
=101 Bradford	77.8	78.6	8.2	114	63	77.5

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103 Roehampton	78.5	73.3	37.5	101	56.7	77.4
104 Goldsmiths, London	70.7	65.1	35.5	117	64.2	77.3
105 Bedfordshire	81.1	77.7	—	103	63.8	76.8
106 West of Scotland	81.9	76.1	13.2	131	49.5	76.7
107 Brighton	73.5	68.8	34	110	57.8	76.3
108 Cardiff Metropolitan	79.7	82.1	—	120	53.7	75.9
109 Bath Spa	74	69.4	7.2	103	67.6	75.8
=110 Solent, Southampton	81.7	77.5	—	111	55	75.5
=110 De Montfort	73.7	73.9	20.5	102	59.2	75.5
112 Kingston	74.5	74.4	20.5	103	57.1	75.3
113 Buckinghamshire New	91.2	87	—	89	42.4*	74.4
114 Bishop Grosseteste	74.3	66.4	6.2	103	60	73.7
115 Northampton	64.3	64.9	8.5	108	51.4	69.8

Employed in high-skilled job	34%	Employed in lower-skilled job	32%
Employed in high-skilled job and studying	5%	Employed in lower-skilled job and studying	2%
Studying	9%	Unemployed	5%
High-skilled work (median) salary	£24,800	Low-/medium-skilled salary	£20,000

Radiography

"There are two radiography disciplines – diagnostic and therapeutic," explains Dr Jane Harvey-Lloyd, associate professor in diagnostic radiography, School of Medicine, University of Leeds. "Diagnostics uses a range of imaging modalities to diagnose illness and disease. Therapeutics uses methods like ionising radiation to treat mainly cancer. New technology is continuously emerging, providing new ways to diagnose and treat illness and disease. If you are considering a dynamic career that combines cutting-edge technology with caring for others, radiography is for you."

Diagnostic courses usually involve two years of studying anatomy, physiology and physics, followed by further training in oncology, psycho-social studies and other modules. Candidates need at least one science A-level, or equivalent, usually biology. Graduates of radiography can rest assured that professional-level work is on the horizon soon after university, with radiography invariably featuring in the top 10 of our employment ranking – where it is up four places to rank fourth this year. Exeter, Leeds, Robert Gordon, Canterbury Christ Church, Teesside and Derby achieved perfect 100% graduate prospects scores, due to every one of their radiography graduates being employed in professional jobs and/or postgraduate study within 15 months. Only one university, St George's, London (now City St George's), had fewer than nine in ten graduates achieving the desired career outcomes at the same point of survey, and it still tallied a respectable 84% rate. For pay, radiography compares less strongly with other subjects, but is comfortably in the upper half of our 70-subject salaries index.

For the third consecutive year, Glasgow Caledonian leads our dedicated ranking for radiography degrees, now in its 12th edition having previously been listed among "Subjects Allied to Medicine" in the *Guide*. It does best in both measures derived from the National Student Survey (NSS): teaching quality and the wider undergraduate experience and its radiography entrants average the highest entry standards. Former winner Leeds takes fourth

place this year, while Queen Margaret, Edinburgh is runner-up for the second year in a row. Strength in research is unbeaten at Keele (=14th overall) which achieved the top scores in the recent Research Excellence Framework 2021, followed by Leeds. Our National Student Survey analysis shows the two universities of St George's, London and City – which have since merged to form City St George's University – to share second and third place for teaching quality and the wider experience. Conversely, Plymouth comes bottom for the student experience and Keele is at the foot of the table for teaching quality.

Radiography

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1 Glasgow Caledonian	90.4	88.9	61	186	95.9	100
2 Queen Margaret, Edinburgh	87.5	83.2	36.5	172	—	96.2
3 Exeter	85.3	80.1	53.2	138	100	94.8
4 Leeds	67.9	61.2	65	152	100	93.9
5 Liverpool	84.2	80.8	46.8	137	98.5	93.2
6 Ulster	82.1	74.1	53.5	145	96.1	93
7 Cardiff	70.6	60.6	58.8	149	96.7	91.8
8 Bradford	84.1	74.7	33.8	147	97	91.5
9 Robert Gordon	71	66.7	24.5	170	100	91.3
10 City	88.2	85.4	58	125	91.3	91.2
11 Portsmouth	86.8	82.3	41.2	126	95.5	90.5
12 Canterbury Christ Church	84.9	77.4	31.8	121	100	90.2
13 Salford	75.9	75.4	37	149	95.2	90.1
=14 Hertfordshire	86.5	84.4	48	114	94.8	90
=14 Keele	66.2	58.8	66.2	134	—	90
16 Birmingham City	79	74.9	37.8	142	94.6	89.7
17 Cumbria	86.7	82.3	18.5	133	98.2	89.5
18 Teesside	77.5	73.3	35	122	100	89.3
=19 London South Bank	85.1	79.1	34.5	140	90.9	88.7
=19 West of England	77.4	69.5	42.8	128	95.3	88.7
21 Derby	73	69.5	24	138	100	88.6
22 Sheffield Hallam	73.6	70.3	29.8	140	90.7	85.7
23 Suffolk	86.5	85.2	—	114	98.6	85.6
24 Plymouth	71	48.2	39.5	130	—	85.1
25 St George's, London	88.2	86.3	—	130	83.9	81.3

Employed in high-skilled job	88%	Employed in lower-skilled job	3%
Employed in high-skilled job and studying	3%	Employed in lower-skilled job and studying	0%
Studying	2%	Unemployed	2%
High-skilled work (median) salary	£26,404	Low-/medium-skilled salary	N/A

Russian and Eastern European Languages

Dr Ruth Coates, associate professor in Russian religious thought, Department of Russian, University of Bristol says "Russia's devastating war against Ukraine has shown the extent of its will to strengthen its geopolitical position in the world. In this context, specialists