

BA IN PSYCHOLOGY (TAUGHT IN ENGLISH)

2014/2015

Short presentation of the program

In Year 1 and Year 2 of the program students are offered general education courses, introductory courses (in general psychology, cognitive science, personality psychology, social psychology, clinical psychology, etc.), and practical courses (research methods in psychology, statistics in behavioral research, communication skills and academic writing in English). In Year 3 and Year 4, students choose among several advanced courses in methodology of psychological research, and form a concentration either in cognitive science or in clinical psychology. The program is in compliance with the rules of EuroPsy (the requirements of the European Federation of Psychological Associations for professional training of psychologists).

Specialty: psychology

Qualification: psychologist

Professional practice

Practical training includes research under supervision in the university laboratories (Neuroscience Laboratory, Experimental Psychology Laboratory, Usability Research Laboratory, Cognitive Development Laboratory, and Cognitive Robotics Laboratory), participation in the Annual International Summer School in Cognitive Science, as well as internships in clinics, schools, kindergartens, and companies.

International mobility

The program provides opportunities for student exchange with universities in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia.

Competencies on completion of the program

- Knowledge in the main areas of contemporary psychology and of the basic methods of the study of human cognition, individual and group behavior, and interpersonal relations;
- Practical skills in planning and conducting empirical research, analysis of data, using different tools for psychological diagnostics, providing psychological service in various areas of social practice.

Graduation

Graduation from the program is based on a public defence of a Bachelor thesis, or a State exam, following the accumulation of the required number of course credit units.

The terms and conditions for graduation are in accordance with the “Standard for the graduation of Bachelor and Master degrees at NBU”.

Professional qualifications and career opportunities

The program graduates may continue their psychological education to obtain an MA degree, or may pursue careers in psychological counseling in industry, schools, clinics, social services, etc.

Department offering the program

Cognitive Science and Psychology

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PROGRAM PART I

Program structure

The course credit requirements include: *1st-2nd semester* – 3 credits from general courses or 3 credits from skill-building courses (computer literacy), 30 hours of two-semester courses in sports/arts/languages, 12 credits in foreign languages, 6 credits from two-semester basic areas courses, 9 credits from practical courses; *3rd-4th semester* - 12 credits in foreign languages, 6 credits from two-semester basic areas courses, 12 credits from practical courses.

FIRST SEMESTER

BASIC COURSES

GENB047 Statistics in Behavioral Research

Assist. Prof. Georgi Petkov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB048 Historical and Conceptual Issues in Psychology

Assoc. Prof. Lilia Gurova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PRACTICAL COURSES

PSYE100 Introduction to Psychology

Assist. Prof. Milena Mutafchieva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PSYE101 Research Methods in Psychology - Part I

Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE103 Communication Skills and Academic Writing in English - Part I

Assoc. Prof. Anita Kasabova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

SECOND SEMESTER

BASIC COURSES

GENB047 Statistics in Behavioral Research

Assist. Prof. Georgi Petkov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB048 Historical and Conceptual Issues in Psychology

Assoc. Prof. Lilia Gurova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PRACTICAL COURSES

PSYE100 Introduction to Psychology

Assist. Prof. Milena Mutafchieva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PSYE102 Research Methods in Psychology - Part II

Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE104 Communications Skills and Academic Writing in English - Part II

Assoc. Prof. Elena Andonova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

THIRD SEMESTER

BASIC COURSES

GENB049 Brain and Behavior

Prof. Ivailo Tournev, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB050 Cognitive Science

Assoc. Prof. Elena Andonova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PRACTICAL COURSES

PSYE201 Personality Psychology

Assoc. Prof. Katya Stoycheva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PSYE202 Social Psychology: Cognitive Processes

Assoc. Prof. Elena Paspalanova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE203 Developmental Psychology

Assist. Prof. Milena Mutafchieva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PSY204 Clinical Psychology

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanassov, Ph.D.; Svetoslav Savov

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PSYE205 Organizational Psychology

Assist. Prof. Sonya Dragova, Ph.D.

30 h., 1/2, 3 credits

FORTH SEMESTER

BASIC COURSES

GENB049 Brain and Behavior

Prof. Ivailo Tournev, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB050 Cognitive Science

Assoc. Prof. Elena Andonova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PRACTICAL COURSES**PSYE201 Personality Psychology**

Assoc. Prof. Katya Stoycheva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PSYE206 Social Psychology: Behavioral Aspects

Assoc. Prof. Elena Paspalanova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Metodi Koralov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE203 Developmental Psychology

Assist. Prof. Milena Mutafchieva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PSY204 Clinical Psychology

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanasov, Ph.D.; Svetoslav Savov

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PSYE205 Organizational Psychology

Assist. Prof. Sonya Dragova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PROGRAM PART II**Program structure**

In the 5th and the 6th semester the students choose 6 of 8 lecture courses and 2 practical non-auditorium forms. In the 7th semester they choose 6 of 8 lecture courses and an internship that brings 12 credits. In the 8th semester the students choose 4 out of 6 lecture courses and an internship that brings 18 credits.

FIFTH SEMESTER***LECTURE COURSES*****PSYE301 Neuropsychology**

Prof. Ivailo Tournev, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

PSYE302 Psychological Inference

Prof. Stefan Mateeff, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE303 Cognitive Modeling: Symbolic, Evolutionary, Situated Approaches

Assoc. Prof. Maurice Grinberg, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE304 Cognitive Modeling: Connectionist and Dynamic System Approaches

Assoc. Prof. Maurice Grinberg, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE305 Perception

Prof. Stefan Mateeff, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE306 Thinking, Reasoning and Problem-Solving

Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE307 Introduction to Psychotherapy

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanasov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE308 Introduction to Psychoanalysis

Assoc. Prof. Orlin Todorov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

NON AUDITORIA COURSES

PSYE309 Practice in Lab

Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.

90 academic hours, 9 credits

PSYE310 Theoretical Supervised Research

Assoc. Prof. Lilia Gurova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 1/2, 3 credits

SIXTH SEMESTER

LECTURE COURSES

PSYE301 Neuropsychology

Prof. Ivailo Tournev, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

PSYE311 Psychophysics

Prof. Stefan Mateeff, D.Sc.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSY312 Psychological Scaling

Prof. Encho Gerganov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE313 Psychological Testing

Prof. Encho Gerganov, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Georgi Petkov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE314 Memory and Learning

Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE315 Language and Mind

Assoc. Prof. Elena Andonova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE316 Psychopathology

Assoc. Prof. Orlin Todorov, Ph.D.; Assoc. Prof. Margarita Stankova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE317 Developmental Psychopathology

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanasov, Ph.D.; Assoc. Prof. Margarita Stankova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Nadia Koltcheva, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

NON AUDITORIA COURSES

PSYE318 Practice: Research Project

Assist. Prof. Armine Janyan, Ph.D.

90 academic hours, 9 credits

PSYE310 Theoretical Supervised Research

Assoc. Prof. Lilia Gurova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 2/2, 3 credits

SEVENTH SEMESTER

LECTURE COURSES

PSYE401 Methods and Paradigms in RT Experiments. Basics in E-Prime.

Assist. Prof. Armine Janyan, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE402 Methodology of Psychophysiological Experiments

Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE403 Statistical Analysis of Data (SPSS)

Assist. Prof. Georgi Petkov, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Lubomir Djalev, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE404 Motor Cognition

Assist. Prof. Armine Janyan, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE405 Spatial Cognition and Communication

Assoc. Prof. Elena Andonova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE406 Imagery

Assist. Prof. Armine Janyan, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE407 Group Process and Treatment

Malen Malenov

30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE408 Psychodiagnostics: Adults

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanassov, Ph.D.; Svetoslav Savov

30 academic hours, 3 credits

NON AUDITORIA COURSE

PSY409 Internship in Research Laboratory

Prof. Stefan Mateeff, D.Sc.
120 academic hours, 12 credits

EIGHT SEMESTER

LECTURE COURSES

PSYE410 Cognitive Development in Childhood

Maria Trifonova, Ph.D.
30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE411 Cognition and Emotion

Assist. Prof. Evgenia Hristova, Ph.D.; Assist. Prof. Penka Hristova, Ph.D.
30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE412 Psychology of Creativity

Assoc. Prof. Katya Stoycheva, Ph.D.
30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE413 Psychodiagnostics: Children

Assist. Prof. Nadia Koltcheva, Ph.D.
30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE414 Clinical Interview

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanassov, Ph.D.; Svetoslav Savov, Malen Malenov
30 academic hours, 3 credits

PSYE415 Psychology of Addictions

Assoc. Prof. Orlin Todorov, Ph.D.; Svetoslav Savov
30 academic hours, 3 credits

NON AUDITORIA COURSE

PSYE416 Internship in School, Kindergarten or Orphan Home

Assoc. Prof. Nikola Atanassov, Ph.D.
180 academic hours, 18 credits