Psychology Y4 Honours  
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Course structure

- Six option courses + General paper (10 credits each)
  - Most options assessed by exam in May
  - Some courses assessed by essay
- Assessed Tutorial Course (10 credits)
  - Small group teaching in blocks 2 and 3
  - Assessment for each block
- Dissertation (40 credits)

Joint Honours

- You will do up to 4 option courses, which may include the tutorial course (but doesn’t have to)
- Joint honours students don’t do general paper.
- Joint honours students usually choose to do dissertation in psychology (needed for BPS accreditation)
- For BPS accreditation, need to make sure that your courses across years 3 and 4 cover the 5 BPS core areas:
  - Social, developmental, cognitive, differential, biological; also Methodology
Tutorial course

– **Small group** teaching. Critical thinking, cross-course integration, discussion, creativity.
– In blocks 2 and 3 with different tutors
– Sign-up system on MyEd
– CO: Wendy Johnson  wendy.johnson@ed.ac.uk

**Assessment** for each block
– 1000 word written assessment OR oral + slide presentation, OR a poster
– Announced at time of sign-up.
– Feedback will be available

Dissertations

• Students usually work in pairs
• Suggested project descriptions will soon be available online
  [http://www.psy.ed.ac.uk/psy_students/undergraduate/index.php](http://www.psy.ed.ac.uk/psy_students/undergraduate/index.php)
• Feel free to approach the relevant member of staff.
• Deadline for choosing project is week 3 of semester 1 next year
• Dissertation handed in around mid March 2013
• Poster session for dissertations to be held in early December (an opportunity for feedback on design from Psychology staff)

What you have to do now

• Fill in your course choice form online at url to be announced later. Deadline Friday 1 June
• Any queries to Liz Wright: e.wright@ed.ac.uk
• Brief course descriptions will be available
• Fuller descriptions shortly via drps online:
  [http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk](http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk)
  
• Rank your preference for courses in each block. We will do our best to allocate you to at least one of your two first-equal choices [ 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 …]
Contact information

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