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 through a 1000 word assessment OR PowerPoint presentation OR poster at end of each semester (feedback will be available)
- **Dissertation** (40 credits)

Joint Honours

- **Up to 4 option courses**, which may include the tutorial course
- 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

Medical students

- Five options from Psychology 4
- Three options from Psychology 3 (including Methodology 1)
- **Dissertation**

Junior Year Abroad Students

- If you are interested in BPS accreditation, you need to make sure that you take courses in the 5 core areas across your JYA and year 4.
- If you didn’t take a stats course (equivalent to Methodology 1) in your overseas institution, you should register for Methodology 1
- For further details, contact Billy Lee

Dissertations

- Students usually work in pairs
- Suggested project descriptions are available on the web – some updates
- Feel free to approach the relevant member of staff.
- Deadline for choosing project is **week 3 of this semester (Thursday 4 October)**
- Dissertation handed in around **mid March 2011**
**Dissertation poster day**

- Make a poster presentation of your poster, and receive staff feedback and give/receive peer feedback (unassessed)
- Coordinator Karri Gillespie-Smith: kgillesp@staffmail.ed.ac.uk
- Talk on poster preparation: Thursday 4 Oct 1-2pm
- Drop-in sessions with PhD student: tba
- Deadline for posters to go to the printers: Thursday 15 November
- Poster day: Wednesday 28 November

**What you have to do now**

- Finalise your choice of dissertation project
  - Dissertation forms have to be returned by Thursday 4 October
- Finalise your choice of courses.
  - Requests for course changes should be directed to the course secretary, Elizabeth Wright: e.wright@ed.ac.uk

**SSLC**

- We need representatives for the staff-student liaison committee
- Likely 1 meeting/semester
- Collect student comments, feed back to staff and vice versa
- 3 people needed
- Contact Fiona Graham fgraham@ed.ac.uk by end of week 1