

Biopsychology undergraduate study programme, first Bologna cycle

COURSE STRUCTURE of the study programme

The study programme consists of 30 courses and an observational internship and final seminar.

Courses are divided into compulsory courses (27 courses), psychology elective courses (2 courses), and external/internal non-psychology elective courses (1 course). Courses are awarded with 6 ECTS, with two courses carrying 3 ECTS, in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

To complete the programme, a minimum of 180 ECTS must be obtained. This includes all academic requirements within individual courses of the study programme (assignments, seminars, and examinations), as well as the observational internship and final seminar.

Table 1: Structure of the study programme

Year of study	Study obligation	Number	ECTS-credits (ECTS)	
			ECTS	ECTS/Year of study
1.	Compulsory Course	11	60	60
2.	Compulsory Course	9	54	60
	Elective Psychological Course	1	6	
3.	Compulsory Course	7	42	60
	Elective Psychological Course	1	6	
	External/ Internal (Non-Psychological) Elective Course	1	6	
	Observational internship and seminar – final project paper	1	6	

Legend:

ECTS credits (ECTS) = credit points awarded under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The credit system facilitates student mobility and the mutual recognition of completed academic requirements.

ECTS credits represent an average estimate of the time required to complete a course and include both organized forms of instruction (lectures, seminars, seminar and laboratory exercises, fieldwork, practical training, etc.) and the student's independent work (exam preparation and other course-related obligations, etc.). One (1) ECTS credit corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of study workload. Credits are awarded upon the successful completion of the requirements for an individual course.

Table 2: First year of study

No.	Courses	ECTS
1.	Foundations of Psychology	6
2.	Differential Psychology	3
3.	Basics of Biopsychology	6
4.	Psychology of Rational Thinking and Logic	6
5.	Developmental Psychology I	6
6.	Neurological Bases of Higher Nervous Functions I	6
7.	Evolutionary Psychology	6
8.	Statistics for Psychologists	6

No.	Courses	ECTS
9.	Research Methodology in Psychology	3
10.	Cognitive Psychology	6
11.	Biochemistry and Genetics in Biopsychology	6

Table 3: Second year of study

No.	Courses	ECTS
1.	Social Psychology I	6
2.	Psychological Diagnostics	6
3.	Biopsychology of Motivation and Emotions	6
4.	Developmental Psychology II	6
5.	Psychometrics	6
6.	Mental Health, Mental Disorders	6
7.	Neurological Bases of Higher Nervous Functions II	6
8.	Personality Psychology	6
9.	Bioinformatics Tools in Psychology	6
10.	External Elective Course I	6

Table 4: Third year of study

No.	Courses	ECTS
1.	Fundamentals of Work and Organisational Psychology	6
2.	Public Mental Health	6
3.	Introduction to Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy	6
4.	Game Theory in Biopsychology	6
5.	Psychopharmacology	6
6.	Qualitative Research	6
7.	Basics of Educational Psychology	6
8.	Elective Psychological Course II	6
9.	External/Internal (non-psychological) Elective Course I	6
10.	Observational internship and seminar – final project paper	6

ELECTIVE courses

Internal elective courses are divided into two groups - psychology electives and non-psychology electives. External elective courses may be selected outside the study programme, from subject areas broadly related

to biopsychology, such as natural sciences, psychology, medicine, sociology, education, social work, and related fields.

In the second year of study, students may choose one psychology elective course. In the third year, they select one psychology elective course and one external or internal non-psychology elective course.

Table 5: Elective Psychological Courses

No.	Courses	ECTS
1.	Psychology Practicum	6
2.	Ethics in Psychology and Biopsychology	6
3.	Selected Biopsychological Topics in the English Language	6
4.	Psychology of Problem-Solving	6
5.	The Psychology of Communication	6

Table 6: Elective Non-Psychological Courses

No.	Courses	ECTS
1.	Evolutionary and Population Genetics	6

As a non-psychology elective course, students may also choose Evolutionary Biology (offered within the [Conservation Biology](#) study programme).

Tables 5 and 6 list *only internal elective courses (both psychology and non-psychology)* offered in the last two academic years, accredited within the Biopsychology study programme. UP FAMNIT offers only a selection of elective courses from the broader pool each academic year. In doing so, the faculty takes into account its staffing and financial capacities, as well as student interest in individual courses. The final list of elective courses offered to students for the upcoming academic year is published prior to the start of enrolment for that year.

External elective courses may be selected within accredited study programmes at higher education institutions in Slovenia or abroad. Students may also choose external elective courses from the pool of internal elective courses.

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