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Reading List for Experimental Psychology and PPL

If you have not taken Psychology A Level, it may be useful to look at a reasonably up-to-date general psychology textbook.

Possibilities include:

Graham Davey: *Psychology*. Wiley, 2018

G. Neil Martin and Neil R. Carlson: *Psychology*. Pearson, 2023

But any such textbook would be fine.

The following are used as textbooks during the 1st year (NB: earlier or later editions are usually fine. Note that you will only be using a limited amount from each book during Prelims, and that the course is not based only on the textbooks). You are certainly not expected to read any of these textbooks before arriving, but a glance at them might give an idea of what sort of things you'll be studying.

Bruce V, Green PR, Georgeson MA (2007) *Visual Perception: Physiology, Psychology and Ecology* 5th edition). Psychology Press

Eysenck MW, Keane MT (2020) *Cognitive Psychology: A Student's Handbook* (8th edition). Hove: Psychology Press.

Hogg, M., & Vaughan, W. (Eds.) (2024), *Social Psychology* (9th edition). Wiley.

Slater, A. & Bremner, A. (2017) *An Introduction to Developmental Psychology*, 3rd edition. Oxford: Blackwell.

Ward, J (2020/2025) *The Student's Guide to Cognitive Neuroscience*. [4/5th Editions]. Routledge.

If you plan to study Neurophysiology, the following textbook is used:

Bear MF, Connors B, Paradiso M (2008) *Neuroscience: exploring the brain* (3rd edition or later). Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

Note that all PPL and EP students must study statistics. There are two recommended textbooks for the statistics part of the course:

Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences Agresti and Finlay 4th Edition 2014 Pearson, UK

Statistical Methods for Psychology David Howell 4th Edition 1997 Wadsworth, USA

Other useful books (certainly not necessary or expected to read them all, but try to read a few):

Alan Baddeley: *Your Memory: A User's Guide*. Carlton, 2004

Paul Bloom: *The Human Mind: A Brief Tour of Everything We Know*. Bodley Head, 2023.

Sarah Jayne Blakemore: *Inventing Ourselves: The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain*. Doubleday, 2018.

Matthew Cobb: *The Idea of the Brain: The Past and Future of Neuroscience*; Profile, 2021.

Margaret Donaldson: *Children's Minds*. Fontana, 1978.

Lisa Genova: *Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting*; Penguin Random House, 2021.

Alison Gopnik: *The Philosophical Baby*. Bodley Head, 2009.

Susan Greenfield: *The Human Brain*. Phoenix, 1998 (Useful background for Neurophysiology as well as Psychology).

Richard Gregory: *Eye and Brain: The Psychology of Seeing, 5th Edition*. Oxford University Press, 1998.

Masud Husain : *Our Brains, Our Selves: What a Neurologist's Patients Taught Him About the Brain*. Canongate, 2026

Christian Jarrett: *30-Second Psychology*. Icon Books, 2011.

Daniel Kahneman: *Thinking Fast and Slow*. Allen Lane, 2011.

Jenni Ogden: *Trouble in Mind: Stories from a Neuropsychologist's Casebook*; Oxford University Press, 2012

Brian Rogers: *Perception: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: OUP, 2012

Oliver Sacks: *An Anthropologist on Mars*, Picador Press, 1995

Anil Seth: *30-Second Brain*. Icon Books, 2014