

The Department of Psychology strives to be a leading centre of psychological research and learning that advances knowledge and addresses contemporary social issues. Founded in 2007, the department has two accredited high demand undergraduate programmes and also provides input into a range of undergraduate and post-graduate programmes across the Faculties of Education and Health Sciences and Arts Humanities and Social Sciences. The department offers two taught postgraduate master programmes, and provides excellent opportunities for students to pursue research degrees in psychology. The Department of Psychology at UL is the only department in Ireland dedicated to the psychological study of social issues. It provides excellent research opportunities at Ph.D. level, based on the expertise of its staff, combined with a student centred and supportive environment. You can look forward to quality supervision by academics who are also world-class researchers. Ph.D. students are invited to attend research discussions and interact with a range of staff including visiting international academics, research fellows as well as other Ph.D. students, and have access to state of the art research facilities in a young and dynamic new department.

Areas of Ph.D. supervisory expertise:

Caregiver Health; Citizenship and National Identity in Ireland; Cognition and Psychopathology; Culture & Wellbeing; Dynamics of Power, Leadership and Surveillance; Emotion, Motivation, and Cognition; Gender and Intersexuality; Memory and Emotion-Regulation; Minorities and Majority Intergroup Prejudice in National Contexts; Mood Disorders, Anxiety, Trauma; Prosocial Behaviour Including Charitable Giving and Intergroup Helping; Psychological Analysis of Contemporary Social Issues; Stress, Self-Regulation and Subjective Wellbeing; Stress, Support and Health, Social Inclusion and Well-Being Aspects of Immigration and Homelessness; Social Cognition, Decision Making & Existential Psychology; Social identity, Social Influence and Prosocial Behaviour; Social identity and the Experience of Trauma; Theoretical and Empirical Analyses of Political Engagement.



Dr. Wijnand van Tilburg



The department of psychology provided me with the ideal environment to flourish. The department's focus on addressing social issues through cutting-edge research really makes a Ph.D. count.



Studying for a Ph.D. in the University of Limerick is an exceptionally rewarding experience. The support of fellow students in contexts ranging from reading groups to conferences ensures the advantages one would expect of a lively, friendly and encouraging academic environment.



Stephen Walsh, Ph.D. student
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Example pathway for a Ph.D. in chronic disease

Year	Autumn	ECTS	Spring	ECTS
1	Research project	12	Research project	15
	Core module: Intro doc studies	6	Core module: Research Integrity	3
	Elective: Professional Skills in Psychology 1	6	Elective: Professional Skills In Psychology 2	6
	Research methods: Advanced Research Designs	6	Advanced Perspectives In Social Identity Research	6
2	Research project	21	Research project	18
	Core module: Entering the academic community	3	Core module: PG workshops	3
	Research methods: Advanced Analysis 1	6	Research methods: Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology	6
3&4	Research project Core module: Postgraduate professional portfolio			