

2025-2026 UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION ROUTES

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY LEVEL 4/5

This document outlines the available **Top-Up progression routes for students who have successfully completed the Diploma in Psychology – Level 4/5**. Students may progress to a UK university to complete the **Final Year (Level 6)** in a **Psychology-related degree programme** and obtain a full UK Bachelor's degree through the Top-Up system.

What is a Top-Up Degree?

A **Top-Up Degree** allows students who have completed Level 4 and Level 5 to enter directly into the **final year of a bachelor's degree program (Level 6)** at a UK university. Instead of studying a full three-year degree, students complete only the **final year**, provided they meet the university's academic and language requirements.

How Does the Top-Up System Work?

1. Students complete **Level 4 and Level 5** at our college.
2. Eligible students apply to a UK university offering a **Top-Up programme** relevant to their field of study.
3. Upon acceptance, students enroll directly into **Level 6 (Final Year)**.
4. After successfully completing the final year, students are awarded a full **UK Bachelor's degree**.

Steps to Apply for a Top-Up Degree

Students who wish to progress to a university Top-Up programme must follow these steps:

1. Complete Level 4 and Level 5 on Time

Students must complete their qualifications **within the specified deadlines**.

Failure to graduate on time may result in **missing the university intake cycle**, requiring the student to wait for the next admission period. (see Important Dates for Top-Up Degree)

2. Submit a Written Final Year Progression Request

Students must submit a **written request** to our college indicating their intention to progress to the Final Year before starting Level 5.

3. Meet English Language Requirements

Most UK universities require proof of English proficiency such as:

- IELTS
- TOEFL
- or equivalent recognised certificates

Students who do not meet the language requirement must improve their English independently and obtain the necessary certification before applying.

4. Apply to Selected Universities

Students may:

- Apply to universities listed by our college, or
- Apply independently through the **UCAS system**

5. Research University Requirements

Each university has its own:

- Entry criteria
- English score requirements
- Module expectations
- Application deadlines

It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that they meet these requirements before applying.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TOP-UP DEGREE

Top-Up Degree Progression Schedule

The table below lists the official deadlines for students completing Level 4 and Level 5 who plan to progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system.

Important Dates Table – Top-Up Progression

University Intake	Eligible Level	Final Assignment Entry Deadline	University Application Deadline	Offer Acceptance & Document Submission Deadline
Jan 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of September 2025	2 nd week of December 2025	2 nd week of January 2025
April / May 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of January 2025	2 nd week of April 2025	1 st week of May 2025
September 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
September 2025	Level 6	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
September 2025	Level 7	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
January 2026	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of September 2025	2 nd week of December 2025	1 st week of January 2026
April / May 2026	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of January 2026	2 nd week of April 2026	1 st week of May 2026

Important Notes Regarding Deadlines

1. A **limited number of UK universities** offer admissions for the January intake.
2. Similarly, **April/May intakes are also limited** and may not be available at all universities.
3. Only students who **successfully pass all assignments by the listed final submission dates** will be eligible to begin the Top-Up application process.
4. Students are required to submit the **final assignment for each module at least three weeks before the official deadlines** stated above.
5. Submission for each subsequent module is only allowed after the **successful completion of the previous module**. Therefore, students must ensure that all Level 4 and Level 5 assignments are completed and passed before the application deadlines.
6. Late submissions or incomplete modules may result in students being **deferred to the next academic intake**.

Deadline Responsibility Statement

It is the sole responsibility of the student to monitor and meet all academic and university deadlines. Failure to complete assignments within the required timeframe may result in delays in Top-Up progression or loss of available university places.

University Progression Routes – Top-Up Universities

Below is the list of universities where students who have completed the **Diploma in Psychology Level 4/5** may progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system. The table shows the available Top-Up programmes, intake dates, and application links.

Diploma in Psychology Level 4/5

Progression Routes

(The rows highlighted indicate College's partner universities.)

University	Top-Up Program	Start date	Top Up Program Links
Arden University	In the program details, "top-up" is not clearly stated specifically for Psychology, but the degree is awarded as a full bachelor's degree.	Unknown	Visit program page
University of Bedfordshire	Psychology & Criminal Behaviour (Top Up) Bedford College Group Awarded by University of Bedfordshire	September 2026	Visit program page
UWE Bristol	BSc (Hons) Psychology (Advanced Entry)	Unknown	Visit program page
University of Chester	Psychology BSc (Hons) (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	5 October 2026	Visit program page
Chichester (University of Chichester)	Psychology (International Route) Level 6 'Top-up	21 September 2026	Visit program page
De Montfort University (DMU)	Psychology with Health and Wellbeing in Society (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	September 2026	Visit program page
University of East London (UEL)	Psychology BSc (Hons) (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	22 September 2025	Visit program page
Edge Hill University	Psychology (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	September 2027	Visit program page
University of Exeter	Psychology programme listed as standard full degree only.		Visit program page
University of Greater Manchester -delivery partner-	BSc (Hons) Psychology- Final Year		Visit program page

Centre for Integrative Research in Psychology (CIRP)			
University of Huddersfield	Psychology BSc (Hons) (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	21 September 2026	Visit program page
University of Lancashire	BSc (Hons) Psychology (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	21 September 2026	Visit program page
London Metropolitan University	Applied Psychology (Top-up) BSc (Hons)	September 2026	Visit program page
Newcastle College University Centre	Psychology with Sociology (Top-up) Awarded by NCG	07 September 2026	Visit program page
University of Plymouth	BSc (Hons) Psychological Studies	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Portsmouth	Psychology Course BSc (Hons)	September 2026	Visit program page
Solent University	Psychology BSc (Hons) (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	21 September 2026	Visit program page
University of Stirling	Psychology BSc (Hons) (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	14 September 2026	Visit program page
Wrexham Glyndŵr (Wrexham University)	Psychology BSc (Hons) (There is Year 3 Entry available on UCAS)	21 September 2026	Visit program page