

## Neurobiology of Mental Illness

**Credits:** 10

**Assessment:** 2000 word essay – specialist area chosen by you

This module will introduce students to current concepts, theories and controversies in our understanding of the neurobiology of psychopathology, such as auditory hallucinations, language disorders, dementias, delusions, paraphillias, obsessions. You will identify an area of particular interest for independent in-depth study which will be assessed by a 2000-word essay. (submitted in mid-January). Individual supervisions will be available for students who need guidance in terms of direction and defining topics for their dissertation.

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### Entry requirements

#### International students:

Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the **[foundation academy web pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx)**.