

University education in parapsychology (information provided by the universities/faculty. Other universities may also offer educational opportunities)

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University based study:

Australia

Melbourne: Parapsychology lectures are delivered at Deakin University in first and fourth year and Honours and Higher Degree. Research students have the option of embarking on psi research. For more information:

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/psychology/staffprofiles.php?username=rock>

Germany

The 'Institut für Grenzgebiete der Psychologie und Psychohygiene' (IGPP, www.igpp.de) [Institute for Frontier Areas of Psychology and Mental Hygiene] is a non-profit foundation. The IGPP is mainly funded by a private organization. Members of IGPP cooperate with domestic and international universities and research institutions. Psychologist Eberhard Bauer offers a seminar "Introduction into Parapsychology" primarily intended for undergraduate psychology students of Freiburg university. In addition, the counseling group of the IGPP offers regularly special educational seminars on extraordinary human experiences intended primarily for clinical psychologists, psychotherapists, medical doctors and mental health personnel. For more information: bauer@igpp.de

Hungary

Budapest: Psychophysicist Zoltán Vassy teaches an undergraduate one-semester courses on scientific parapsychology for psychology students (in Hungarian) at the Roland Eotvos University. There is opportunity to participate in experimental research. For more information: vassyz@freemail.hu

The Netherlands

Amsterdam: Professor Dick Bierman supervises doctoral students at the University of Amsterdam on 'intuitive decision making'. In general a psi component is also part of the work. For more information: d.j.bierman@uva.nl

United Kingdom

A) Bristol: At the University of the West of England, Bristol, UK, there is the opportunity to study anomalous experiences and parapsychology as part of the third year modules on *The Psychology of Consciousness* and *The Psychology of Religion*. In addition there is provision to specialize in parapsychology or anomalous experiences as a topic of research in the final year dissertation module, with: Dr Guy Saunders (consciousness and altered states), Dr Jenny Parker (sleep-related anomalies), Dr Chris Alford (the physiology of altered states) or Dr Nicola Holt (parapsychology, belief in the paranormal and anomalous experiences). For more information: nicola.holt@uwe.ac.uk

B) Derby: Dr Ian Baker at the University of Derby teaches a second-year module on a residential and a third year online module on its B.Sc Psychology degree

program, and offers the opportunity to conduct a Ph.D in Psychology, supervised by one of the members of the Psychology of Paranormal Phenomena Research Group. For more information:

http://psychology.derby.ac.uk/centre/psychology_of_paranormal_phenomena.html)

- C) Edinburgh: The Koestler Parapsychology Unit, which is part of the Psychology Department at the University of Edinburgh grants a PhD in psychology specializing in parapsychology. The program consists of research and dissertation, there is no taught coursework. Parapsychologist Caroline Watt is currently a senior lecturer. An MSc course on the history and theory of psychology, including modules on mind, body, and consciousness, and history of unorthodox psychology is taught by Peter Lamont. For more information: Caroline.Watt@ed.ac.uk
- D) Edinburgh: Dr. Stuart Wilson teaches a one 12-hour optional module to 3rd year Psychology students at Queen Margaret University and can supervise Ph. D. students. For more information: swilson@qmu.ac.uk
- E) Greenwich: Dr. Jose M Pérez-Navarro can supervise graduate research on ganzfeld, DMILS and similar areas. For more information: www.gre.ac.uk/schools/health/departments/psychology-counselling
- F) Hertfordshire: Psychologist Richard Wiseman supervises psychology Ph D students in issues in parapsychology at the University of Hertfordshire. For more information: r.wiseman@herts.ac.u
- G) Lancashire: Professor Paul Rogers at the University of Lancashire runs two courses on the paranormal, the first is a year 1 elective open to all students

whereas the second is a year 4 specialist (extended essay) on belief in the paranormal. He had also be happy to supervise a PhD student in paranormal belief. For more information: progers@uclan.ac.uk

- H) Lancaster, UK: Within the School of Health and Medicine at Lancaster University (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/shm/>) opportunities exist for self-funded candidates to complete PhD study of a variety of anomalous experiences using a range of qualitative methods. Examples include anomalous experiences related to the end-of-life, the adaptive value of hearing voices, out-of-body and near-death experiences. For more information contact Dr Craig Murray: c.murray@lancaster.ac.uk
- I) Both the Hope and the John Moores campuses at the University of Liverpool may have educational opportunities in the field. Contact parapsychology@hope.ac.uk and m.i.daniels@ljmu@hope.ac.uk respectively for further information.
- J) London: At Goldsmith at the University of London, Professor Chris French teaches a final year option on Anomalistic Psychology as part of a BSc (Hons) Psychology program and supervises MPhil/PhD students carrying out postgraduate research in this area. Email: For more information: C.French@gold.ac.uk or <http://www.goldsmiths.ac.uk/apru>
- K) Northampton: At the University of Northampton, the Psychology Division offers fully accredited undergraduate degrees in psychology with a parapsychological emphasis, including an Honours module. Northampton also offers opportunities for accredited postgraduate study (PhDs, Mphils & an MSc in Transpersonal Psychology & Consciousness Studies). There are

seven full-time psychology staff members who specialize in research in parapsychology (Professor Deborah Delanoy, Dr Richard Broughton, Dr Chris Roe & Dr Simon Sherwood) and related areas within transpersonal psychology (Professor Harald Walach, Dr Malcolm Walley & Dr Anthony Edwards). The Psychology Division also houses the Centre for the Study of Anomalous Psychological Processes (CSAPP), which encompasses research in parapsychology and transpersonal psychology topics. For more information: <http://www2.northampton.ac.uk/socialsciences/sshome/csapp>

- L) York: Dr. Robin Wooffitt at the University of York offers MPhil/PhD supervision on research on topics that suggest anomalous psychological processes and exceptional states of consciousness. He has expertise in the relationship between discourse, communication and anomalous phenomena, including the laboratory study of parapsychological processes. For more information: <http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/soci/research/aeru.htm> and rw21@york.ac.uk

Sweden

- A) Gothenburg: The University of Gothenburg offers a doctoral program that is mainly a dissertation (there is course work but this is in the general area of methodology, research design, and statistics, with a few additional courses, that reflect the candidate's area of interest). Parapsychologist [Adrian Parker](#) offers doctoral supervision in the areas of altered states and parapsychology. For more information: Adrian.Parker@psy.gu.se

B) Lund, Sweden: The Center for Research on Consciousness and Anomalous Psychology (CERCAP) at Lund University, consists of a group of researchers and associates dedicated to the scientific study of unusual (but not pathological) experiences and events, including parapsychological phenomena. CERCAP's aim is to continue developing multidisciplinary, national, and international collaborations, and train undergraduate and graduate students in a supportive environment. Currently there is an advanced undergraduate course on Altered States of Consciousness and Parapsychology, supervision of undergraduate and MA theses, and doctoral study possibilities for exceptional students wanting to work under the supervision of [Etzel Cardeña](#) on the themes of CERCAP. Knowledge of Swedish is not necessary for doctoral studies. For more information: www1.psychology.lu.se/Personal/e_cardena.

United States

A) Palo Alto: The Institute of Transpersonal Psychology offers PhDs in transpersonal psychology through both its Residential and Global programs. While there is no program in parapsychology per se, ITP is unusual in having three core faculty members (William Braud, Arthur Hastings and Charles Tart) who are knowledgeable about parapsychology. Charles Tart offers an introductory course in parapsychology and students may pursue dissertation research that touches on parapsychological aspects of psychology. For more information: www.itp.edu

B) San Francisco: Saybrook Graduate School offers non-residential, accredited Masters and PhD programs allowing students to design their own degree in psychology with an emphasis on parapsychology. Stanley Krippner, Dean Radin and Jeanne Achterberg can supervise research in parapsychological topics. For more information: www.saybrook.edu

Online, university based, courses:

A) Coventry University. For more information contact Dr. Lawrence at

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B) University of Edinburgh. For more information [www.koestler-](http://www.koestler-parapsychology.psy.ed.ac.uk/cwatt/OSTeach.html)

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C) Humanistic University: For more information:

<http://m0134.fmg.uva.nl/edu/excexp/>

Other online courses:

A) For more information: www.ai princ.org/courses.asp

B) For more information: www.uprs.edu

C) For more information: <http://www.theschoolofparapsychology.org/about.php>

D) For more information: www.hypnotherapytraining.com/parapsych.cfm

* [A more comprehensive list in French of centers, institutes connected to parapsychology, developed by the Institute Metapsychique International can be accessed through](#)

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