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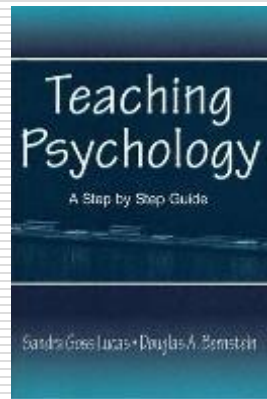
- ❑ Psychology is one of the most competitive and popular university subjects with 5 applicants for each place
- ❑ You will need to achieve AAA or AAB (or even higher) or equivalent in many cases
- ❑ Good numeracy skills are important because statistics figure heavily on Psychology courses
- ❑ Many courses require at least one science A Level (or evidence of the applicants' scientific ability at GCSE level if no science A Levels have been taken)
- ❑ A recent survey by the British Psychological Society shows that 25% of accredited courses now require or prefer a science A Level.
- ❑ You are not required to have AS or A level Psychology



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- ❑ Check your predicted grades with your teachers. Make sure they are good enough to meet likely offers
- ❑ **Offers are made on the basis of predicted grades NOT on what you think you can get at the end of the course**
- ❑ Check the 'Course Specific Requirements' on the Entry Profile for each course on the UCAS website
- ❑ It is strongly recommended to take a degree which is accredited by the British Psychological Society
- ❑ Even if you have no plans at the moment to become a professional psychologist you will need to have done an accredited course if you do decide to do this and become a member of the BPS.

BUT!!!!



- ❑ There are over 12,000 psychology graduates a year but relatively few opportunities to work as a professional psychologist in areas such as Educational, Forensic, Clinical or Occupational Psychology
- ❑ In order to even compete for these jobs you will also need to get at least a Masters degree after your first degree and in the case of Clinical, a PhD, as a basic requirement
- ❑ However psychology will equip you for a wide range of other careers including teaching, nursing and personnel management
- ❑ You will also be able to go on to a range of careers not related to your degree

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It is with great regret that we have to announce that Dr Elizabeth Campbell - Vice President of the Society - lost her battle against cancer and passed away on Friday 2 April 2010. Whilst Liz will be greatly missed by her friends and colleagues, her dedication and contributions to psychology and the Society will live on in our memory. Our thoughts are with her family at this very difficult time.

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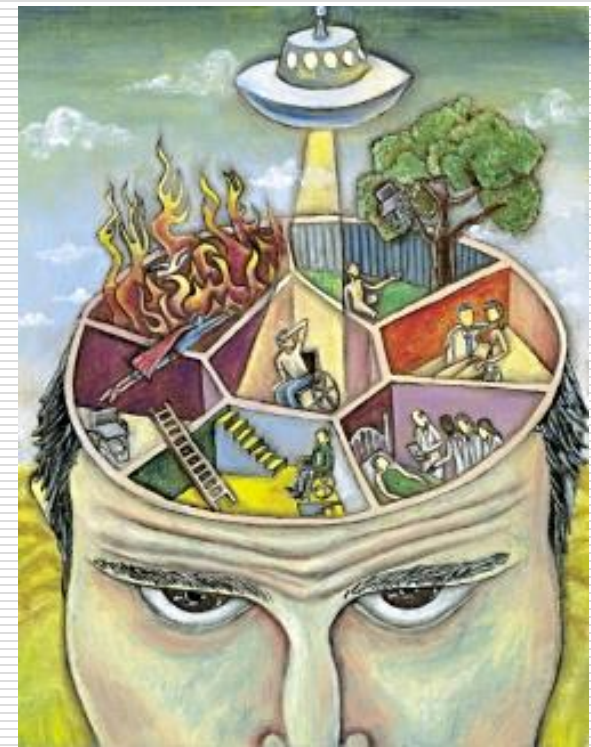
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Understand that there are different kinds of Psychologists

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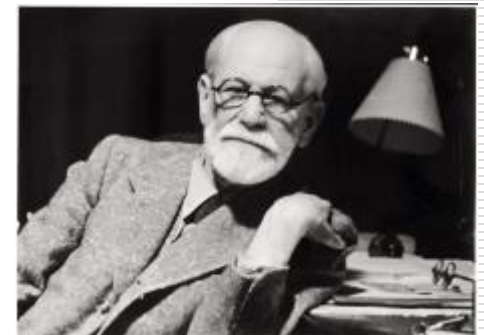
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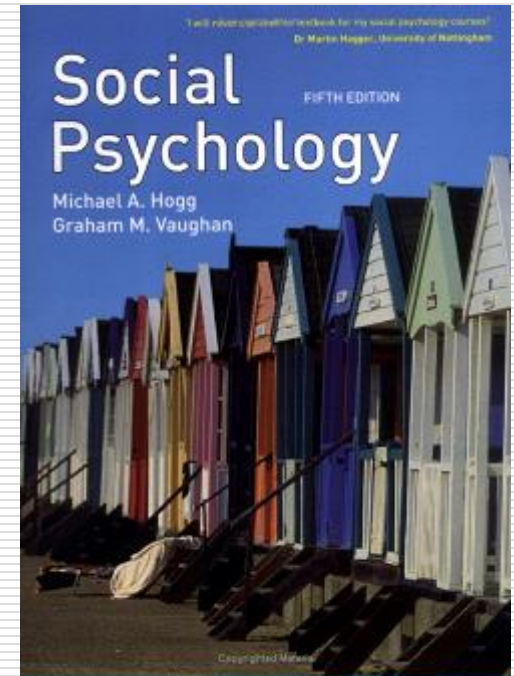
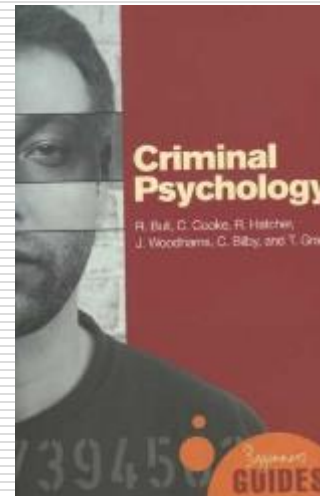
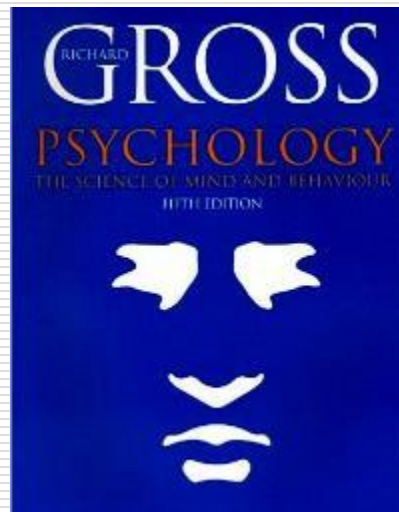
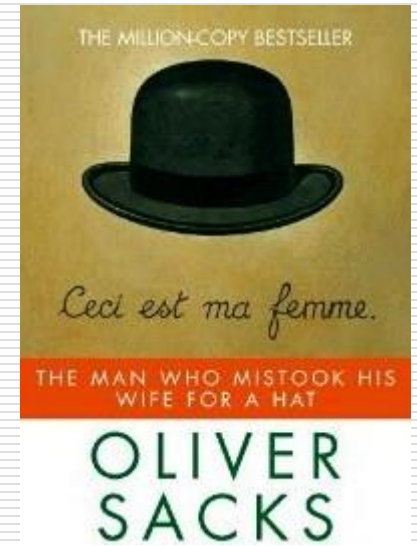
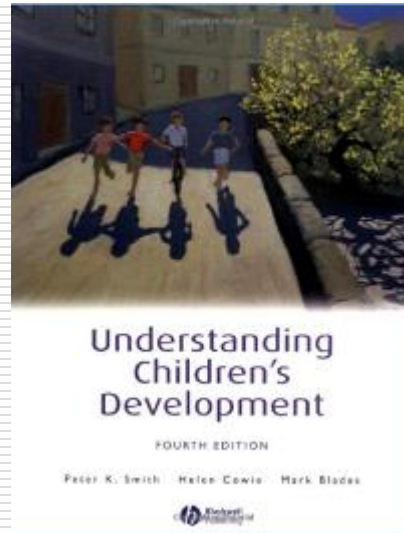
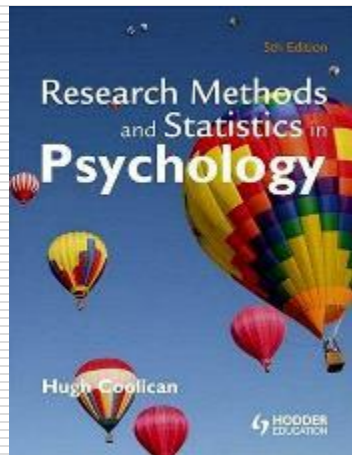
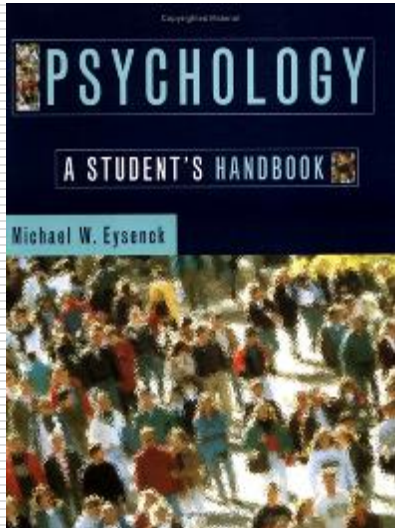
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There are several areas of psychology in which it is possible to become a [Chartered Psychologist](#) and these are the areas that the **British Psychological Society** recognises as the **main types of psychologist** listed below.

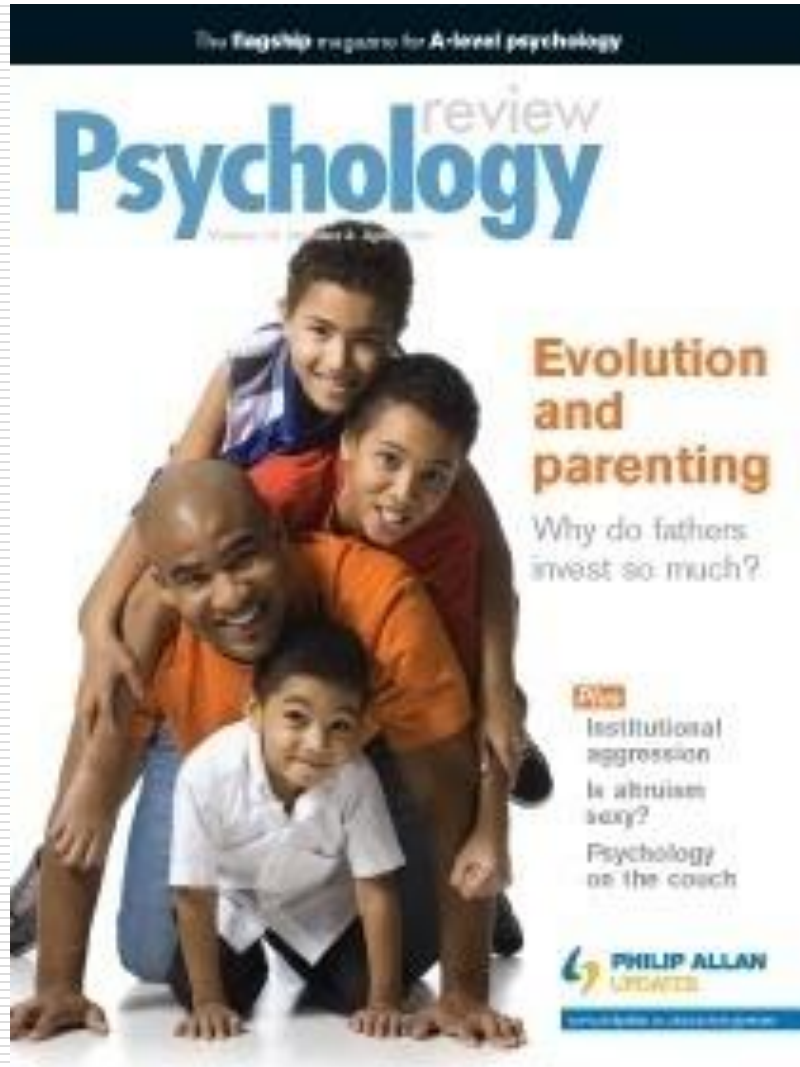
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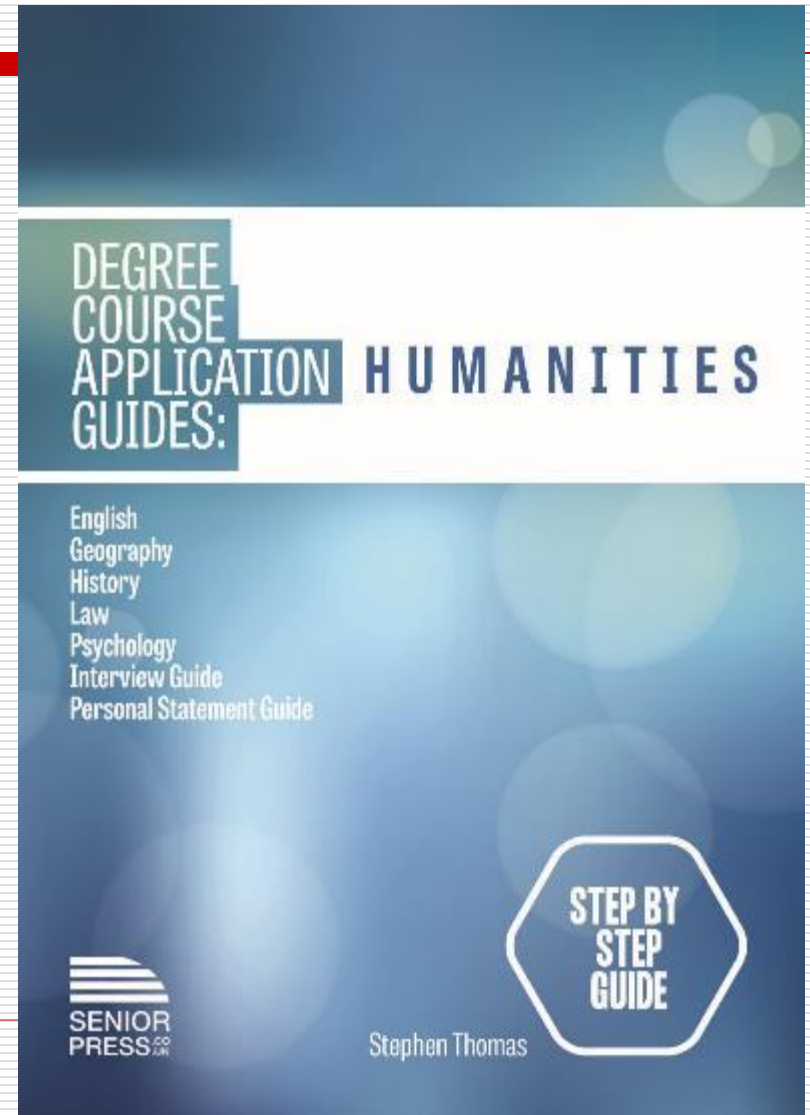
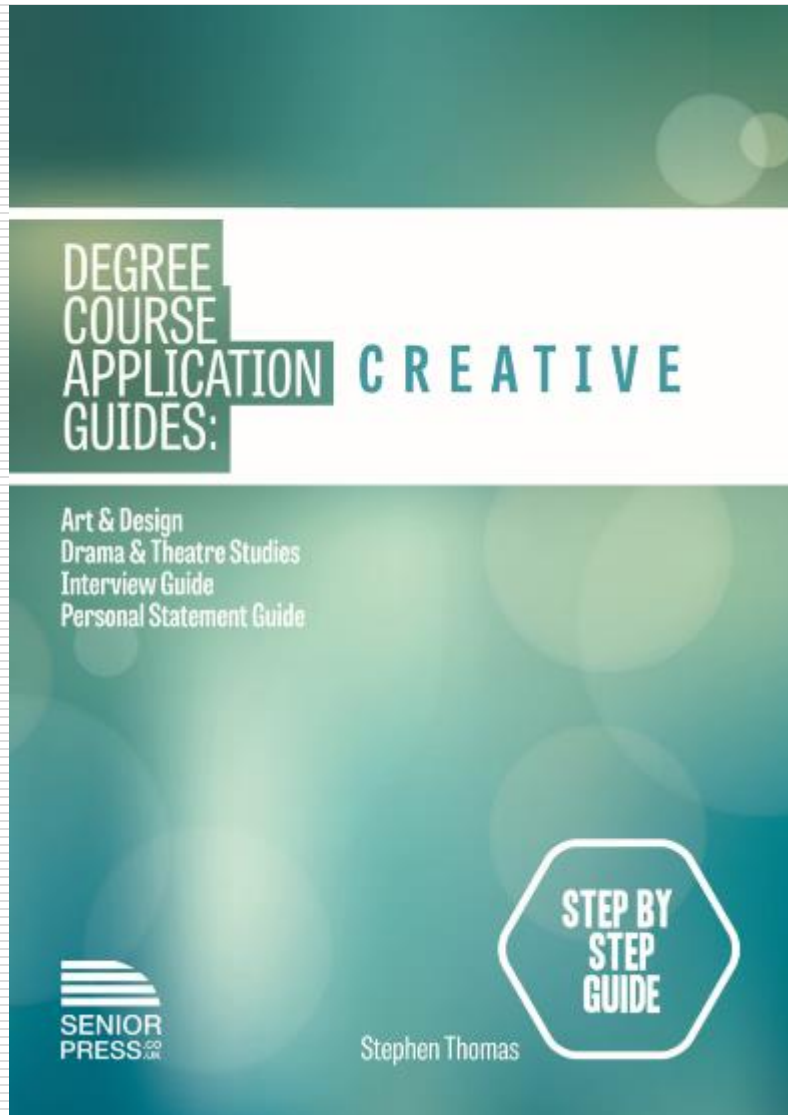
Finding work experience



Work experience is not always easy to organise because of confidentiality issues but you may be able to:

- ❑ Talk to and perhaps shadow an educational psychologist who works in your local authority
- ❑ Talk to a psychologist who works in a prison
- ❑ Talk to and perhaps observe a psychologist working in a children's unit in a hospital
- ❑ Contact children's charities who may employ psychologists eg Barnardo's or NSPCC
- ❑ You could also support special needs children in your own school/college on a regular basis
- ❑ The BPS has a Directory of Chartered Psychologists on its website which will give you contact details

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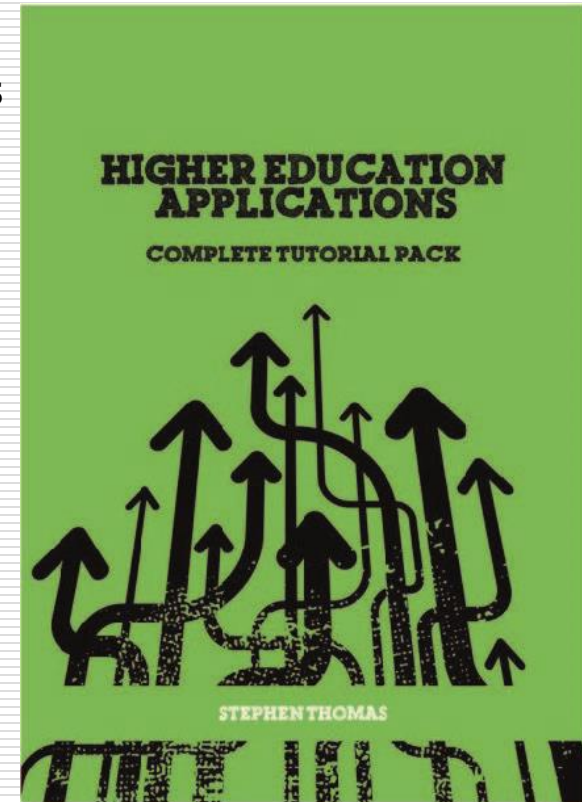
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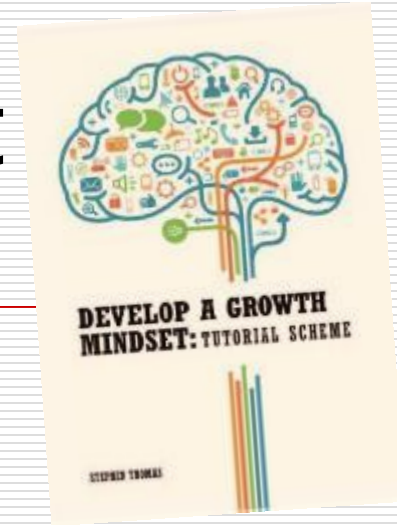


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