Psychology

5331 | 60 Units of Credit

Overview

Psychology is a discipline of both scientific research and applied practice. As a science, psychology is concerned with the study of behaviour and its underlying mental and neural processes. The Graduate Diploma in Psychology provides students that have already been awarded a Bachelor degree with the opportunity to gain an accredited degree in Psychology in 1.7 years part time. This program is delivered 100% online allowing for flexible learning.

The Graduate Diploma of Psychology will provide students with a solid foundation in the principles of Psychology. The program will cover the theoretical and contemporary issues in psychology, with a focus on current empirical research. Students will develop critical thinking and skills in analysis and research methods. Students will gain an integrated and comprehensive education in the main discipline areas, including developmental, social, cognitive, biological, physiological, abnormal psychology and research methods. The program will further prepare students with the research skills and methods required for your future career in Psychology. Completion of the Graduate Diploma will allow entry to honours and postgraduate masters programs.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in the core topics of psychology.

2. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to evaluate and apply research methods in psychology.

3. Develop and apply critical thinking skills that use logic, evidence and psychological science in understanding human behaviour and mental processes.

4. Demonstrate an understanding of appropriate values and ethics in psychology.

5. Develop effective communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.

6. Apply knowledge and skills of psychology in a manner that is reflective, culturally appropriate and sensitive to the diversity of individuals.

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 60 UOC as a standalone program.

This program consists of 10 core courses (60 units of credit), each course is worth 6 units of credit. Students must complete all 10 courses to be awarded the Graduate Diploma degree. Each course will be delivered 100% online and will run for 7 weeks. The content will be delivered in Weeks 1-6 with a final exam held in Week 7. There are 6 intake periods per year, allowing for personalised and flexible program structure.

You must complete the introductory courses (PSYC5001, PSYC5002 and PSYC5003), before proceeding to the advanced units. For more information on each of the courses see the Program Structure section. You may complete the advanced courses in any order that suits your individual pattern of study. For information on the program delivery mode see the Program Delivery section.

Advanced Courses

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

**PSYC5004 | 6 UOC**
Advanced Data Analysis and Methods of Psychological Inquiry

**PSYC5005 | 6 UOC**
Behavioural Neuroscience

**PSYC5006 | 6 UOC**
Psychology Across the Lifespan

**PSYC5007 | 6 UOC**
The Individual, Culture and Society

**PSYC5008 | 6 UOC**
Perception and Cognition

**PSYC5009 | 6 UOC**
Abnormal Psychology
**Introductory courses**

Students must take 18 UOC of the following courses.

- **PSYC5001** 6 UOC
  Introduction to Psychology 1

- **PSYC5002** 6 UOC
  Introduction to Psychology 2

- **PSYC5003** 6 UOC
  Data Analysis and Methods of Psychological Inquiry

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

Students must hold an undergraduate bachelors degree in any discipline or a higher university qualification.

Minimum entrance requirements for admission to UNSW Sydney also apply

Students may apply for the recognition of prior knowledge for completion of the equivalent of PSYC5001 and PSYC5002. If students have completed these introductory courses as a part of their prior degree, they may apply to have this counted as prior knowledge and will not be required to complete these units.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
**Program Requirements**

**Progression Requirements**

Students enrolled in the program will have a minimum of 1.5 years (with recognition of prior knowledge) and a maximum of 5 years to complete the program.

Students will have to pass all units to complete the program. Students will be able to apply for special consideration when illness or other circumstances beyond your control, interfere with your assessment performance. Fee Remission (Special Circumstances) procedure will permit remission of HELP debt, FEE-HELP, HECS-HELP, student contribution amounts and tuition fees after the relevant census date, if a student can demonstrate special circumstances.

Maximum Repeat Fails of four times for the same course will be your enrolment will be allowed. After that, the enrollment in a program will be terminated. Students will have the right to appeal that termination to the Re-Enrolment Appeal Committee.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Post Graduate

Master of Psychology (Clinical) - **MPsychol(Clin)**

**8256 Psychology (Clinical)**

Faculty: Faculty of Science
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

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Master of Psychology (Forensic) - **MPsychol(For)**

**8257 Psychology (Forensic)**

Faculty: Faculty of Science
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

Read More
Professional Outcomes

Professional Recognition
Enrolled students are eligible to become a Student Subscriber of the Australian Psychological Society (www.psychology.org.au).
**Additional Information**

**Program Delivery**

There are 6 points of enrolment throughout the year. Students may enrol in a maximum of one course per enrolment period. Students may enrol at any point provided they have completed the introductory courses, PSYC5001, PSYC 5002 (or have recognition of prior knowledge) and PSYC 5003. There are no constraints on the order of completion for the advanced courses.
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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