Overview

The purpose of Honours in Psychology is to enable students who have performed well at undergraduate level to deepen their knowledge of approaches, perspectives and traditions in psychology and undertake a significant research project. Honours is a means for connecting undergraduate study with supervised independent research by consolidating and extending work completed in the undergraduate program and providing an academic foundation for students continuing on to a Masters by coursework, a Masters by research, or a PhD.

Students conduct a year-long, 30 UOC major independent research project (completed under the guidance of an academic supervisor), and write a thesis based on the project. In addition, students complete 18 UOC of advanced-level core and elective coursework in both Term 1 and Term 2.

The research project may be undertaken in most areas of psychology, such as: psychopathology, behavioural neuroscience, cognitive science, cognition and perception, forensic psychology, and social, personality and developmental psychology. The project culminates in a written thesis, which is assessed independently by two academics (neither of which is the student's supervisor).

The coursework requirement includes content that encompasses history, professional ethics, evidence-based practice and advanced coverage of selected contemporary issues in psychology that reflect the expertise and research specialisations of School staff.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in research methods in psychology.
   Global Citizens  Professionals  Leaders  Scholars

2. Demonstrate knowledge in the foundations of psychological testing, including the theoretical and empirical bases underpinning the construction, implementation, and interpretation of some of the more widely used cognitive and personality assessments, and foundational skills in the ethical use of psychological tests.
   Leaders  Professionals  Scholars  Global Citizens

3. Demonstrate foundational knowledge and skills in interviewing.
   Professionals  Global Citizens  Scholars

4. Demonstrate foundational knowledge and skills in counseling.
   Global Citizens  Leaders  Professionals  Scholars

5. Demonstrate a broad understanding of a body of knowledge and theoretical concepts with advanced understanding in some areas and capable to adapt knowledge and skills in diverse contexts.
   Global Citizens  Leaders  Professionals  Scholars

6. Demonstrate knowledge of values and ethics in psychology and the ability to apply ethical principles to psychological practice.
   Scholars  Professionals  Global Citizens  Leaders

7. Demonstrate critical and creative thinking skills in psychology and capable to identify and formulate solutions to complex problems with intellectual independence.
   Leaders  Scholars  Global Citizens  Professionals

8. Demonstrate communication skills to present a clear and coherent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences.
   Scholars  Professionals  Global Citizens

Graduate Capabilities:

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

Students must complete 48 UOC as a standalone program.

1. 18 UOC Coursework Courses
2. 30 UOC of Research Thesis Courses

Specialisation Requirements

Students must complete the specialisation below.

HONOURS:

PSYCAH | 48 UOC
Psychology

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

Internal applicants (current UNSW students)

Entry is obtained by achieving a Psychology Average mark of at least 75%. The Psychology Average is calculated from:

- Marks for psychology core courses common to all psychology programs / plans (see below); and
- The three highest of marks for all Level 3 psychology electives ever attempted.

The psychology core courses are as follows:

- Level 1: PSYC1001 Psychology 1A, PSYC1011 Psychology 1B, PSYC1111 Measuring Mind and Behaviour
- Level 2: PSYC2001 Research Methods 2, PSYC2061 Social and Developmental Psychology, PSYC2071 Perception and Cognition, PSYC2081 Learning and Physiological Psychology, PSYC2101 Assessment, Personality and Psychopathology
- Level 3: PSYC3001 Research Methods 3, PSYC3011 Research and Applications of Psychology

NOTE:

- Psychology courses taken at another university do not count towards the Psychology Average.
- Level 1 PSYC electives do not count towards the Psychology Average.
- The average is based on a student’s mark for the first attempt at courses.
- Completion of PSYC3371 Multivariate Data Analysis for Psychology, in conjunction with PSYC3001, is important as preparation for the Honours year. Students can take PSYC3371 as a Stream A or Stream B elective.

External applicants (non-UNSW students)

Applicants from other institutions must have completed, within the last 10 years, a three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology (accredited as such by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)). Applicants with international psychology qualifications must have the qualifications assessed by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) before submitting an application.

Places are offered to external applicants on the basis of merit. The number of places
available for external applicants (if any) varies from year to year and depends upon the number of eligible internal applicants and the availability of School resources. For this reason, only external applicants with an exceptional academic record in psychology will be considered.

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

**Domestic Students**

**International Student**
Program Requirements

**Recognition of Prior Learning**

Recognition for Prior Learning (RPL) cannot be granted for this program.

**Progression Requirements**

Progression rules are in accordance with university policy.

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

Accreditations

Professional institutes that offer accreditation on completion of this program:

- Australian Psychology Accreditation Council

The program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), 1/1/2014 - 31/12/2018, as a fourth year sequence of study towards provisional registration as a psychologist nationally, www.psychologyboard.gov.au

Professional Recognition

Graduates are eligible for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) www.psychology.org.au.
Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Honours Classes

At the completion of their Honours program students will be awarded an honours grading as follows:

- Honours Class 1: mark of 85 or greater;
- Honours Class 2 Division 1: mark from 75 to 84;
- Honours Class 2 Division 2: mark from 65 to 74;
- Honours Class 3 or Pass: mark below 65.

The calculation of class of award will be determined from the student’s weighted average mark for all of the courses (research-based and coursework) required for the program.

Please note that only PSYC4-coded courses will be included within an honours calculation.

Honours marks and gradings will be scrutinised at the School level to ensure consistency across cohorts. The Faculty will also review these marks and grades prior to the release of results.
**Additional Information**

**How to Apply**

External applicants (domestic and international) are required to submit an application for study at UNSW directly to the UNSW Admissions Office. Details regarding admission and a link to the application form can be found at www.unsw.edu.au/honours.

In addition to applicants who are a graduate/graduand of another university, applicants who are a graduate of UNSW after an absence of at least one term must apply for admission directly to the UNSW Admissions Office.

Please note that the School's closing date for applications is around mid-November. More information can be found at:

- Internal applicants: [http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/current-students/undergraduate/honours](http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/current-students/undergraduate/honours)

**Science Handbook Rules and Editions**

Students must follow the program rules and requirements in the UNSW Handbook published in the year they commence their studies with the Faculty of Science.

Students who transfer from another UNSW Faculty into Science (for example, from a Bachelor of Arts into a Bachelor of Science) must follow the program rules and requirements in the UNSW Handbook published in the year of their transfer.

Students, who are readmitted to UNSW after a period of unapproved absence or deferment, or after exclusion, must satisfy the program rules in the Handbook published in the year of their readmission. In addition, these students may be subject to restrictions on which courses taken at UNSW may be counted on their return. In some cases, students returning from an unapproved absence may be required to repeat courses. See the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Advanced Standing section below for more details. Students who take approved leave or deferment will follow the Handbook for the year of their original commencement unless otherwise approved by the Associate Dean (Academic Programs).
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

Additional Expenses

Resources required by students will be articulated in Honours Handbooks and Honours websites provided by the School.
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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Authorised by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
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