

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (780AA.1)

Please note these are the 2017 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	60
	Note: The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Psychology
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page .
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[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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Discipline	Discipline of Psychology
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CRICOS code	054172M
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About this course

Understand the motivations behind people's actions

Are you interested in the intricacies of the human mind and human behaviour? Our Bachelor of Science in Psychology focuses on the science of human behaviour, thoughts and feelings and prepares you to be a valuable employee in a wide range of fields. You will focus on scientific methods and investigate many different theoretical perspectives to answer questions on how humans and animals adapt to their environment.

Study a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at UC and you will:

- focus on applied psychology and research
- be introduced to the latest theory, practice, and research in a diverse range of areas of psychology including developmental, physiological, social and cognitive
- gain transferable skills that are highly sought after by a diverse range of employers including critical analysis, communication, problem solving, teamwork, and research
- be able to choose elective units in exercise psychology, health psychology, and forensic psychology.

Career opportunities

- Psychologist (subject to further study)

- Human resources
- Policy and research
- Health and welfare
- Public Relations
- Media
- Marketing and advertising.

Course specific information

Our course is accredited by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Australian Psychological Society (APS). You will be required to undertake further study professional accreditation to become a psychologist. The Bachelor of Science in Psychology makes you eligible to enrol in the Master of Clinical Psychology.

Professional accreditation

Accredited by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

Admission requirements

Normal UC requirements for admission to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

None.

Assumed knowledge

No knowledge is assumed for this course.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (780AA) | 72 credit points

Required - 39 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Major in Psychological Science (MJ0102) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Psychology 102 (4310) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Experimental Psychology (7118) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Personality and Individual Differences (7122) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Cognitive Psychology (7123) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Social Psychology (7125) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Psychopathology (7128) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Psychology 101 (4309) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Note:

- From Semester 1 2019 11399 Understanding People and Behaviour replaces 4309 Psychology 101. Students who have passed 4309 do not need to complete the new unit.

Required Units - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

Introduction to Psychological Research (6611) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Physiological Psychology (7120) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Developmental Psychology (7121) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Motivation and Emotion (7124) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Learning (7127) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Open Electives - 30 credit points as follows

- Unit Levels: In selecting electives students should note that no more than 30 credit points at Level 1 is permitted for the entire course.

Note:

- Must pass 30 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a major, a minor and/or individual units.

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

- From 2015 9572 Becoming a Professional has been replaced by 9799 Foundations of Professional Planning.

Becoming a Professional (9572) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799) | 3 credit points — Level 1

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Accelerated Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Psychology 101 \(4309\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to Psychological Research \(6611\)](#)

[Personality and Individual Differences \(7122\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Physiological Psychology \(7120\)](#)

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

[Psychology 102 \(4310\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Developmental Psychology \(7121\)](#)

[Experimental Psychology \(7118\)](#)

Semester 2

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

[Motivation and Emotion \(7124\)](#)

[Social Psychology \(7125\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

Open Elective Unit

[Cognitive Psychology \(7123\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

[Survey Research and Design in Psychology \(7126\)](#)

Accelerated Full Time, Winter Term Commencing, Option A

Year 1

Semester 2

[Personality and Individual Differences \(7122\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Introduction to Psychological Research \(6611\)](#)

[Physiological Psychology \(7120\)](#)

Winter Term

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Psychology 101 \(4309\)](#)

[Psychology 102 \(4310\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Developmental Psychology \(7121\)](#)

[Experimental Psychology \(7118\)](#)

Semester 2

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

[Motivation and Emotion \(7124\)](#)

[Social Psychology \(7125\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Three Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

Open Elective Unit

[Cognitive Psychology \(7123\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

[Survey Research and Design in Psychology \(7126\)](#)

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Accelerated Full Time, Winter Term Commencing, Option B

Year 1

Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

[Introduction to Psychological Research \(6611\)](#)

[Psychology 102 \(4310\)](#)

Winter Term

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Psychology 101 \(4309\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Developmental Psychology \(7121\)](#)

[Experimental Psychology \(7118\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Personality and Individual Differences \(7122\)](#)

[Physiological Psychology \(7120\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Cognitive Psychology \(7123\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Survey Research and Design in Psychology \(7126\)](#)

Semester 2

[Social Psychology \(7125\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

[Motivation and Emotion \(7124\)](#)

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Psychology 101 \(4309\)](#)

Three Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Psychology 102 \(4310\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Introduction to Psychological Research \(6611\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Developmental Psychology \(7121\)](#)

[Experimental Psychology \(7118\)](#)

Semester 2

[Personality and Individual Differences \(7122\)](#)

[Physiological Psychology \(7120\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

[Cognitive Psychology \(7123\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

[Survey Research and Design in Psychology \(7126\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Motivation and Emotion \(7124\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

[Social Psychology \(7125\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard six semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum eighteen semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Ability to apply knowledge of psychology to a wide variety of areas. Capacity for ongoing independent learning, to sustain personal and professional development.	Professionalism and social responsibility Working independently and with others

Knowledge and understanding of the core topics in the discipline of Psychology, as required by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

Analysis and Enquiry

Ability to apply knowledge of the scientific method in a critical way to problems related to behaviour and mental processes, and the ability to distinguish scientific from other forms of evidence.	Analysis and Enquiry Problem solving
Ability to write a research report using APA conventions. Ability to effectively communicate orally in a variety of formats.	Communication Working independently and with others
Knowledge and understanding of the scientific basis of the discipline of Psychology. Knowledge of the research methods used by psychologists and ability to apply these methods to design and conduct studies, analyse and interpret results and write research reports.	Analysis and Enquiry Problem solving Communication
Understanding and application of values, research and professional ethics in psychological research and other professional contexts.	Professionalism and social responsibility Working independently and with others

Majors

- [Major in Psychological Science \(MJ0102\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Science in Psychology	BSc Psych

Honours

High performing students may be eligible to enrol in the Bachelor of Science in Psychology (Honours) course.

Alternative exits

833AA Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Bachelor of Laws;

156JA Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email health.student@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.