

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (780AA.2)

Please note these are the 2019 details for this course

Domestic students

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| Selection rank | 58.7 |
| | 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 | UC Canberra - Bruce Campus |
| 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

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| 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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About this course

Understand the 'why' at a whole new level

Discover the science behind how and why people think, feel, and behave the way they do with the UC Bachelor of Science in Psychology. In this course, you will learn how to use science and evidence-based practice to influence human behaviour in a wide range of settings.

In only two years, you will learn the foundations of psychology and gain the knowledge, understanding and the contacts to go on to explore a range of career and study opportunities once you graduate

This course is especially advantageous to those studying double-degrees in law, business, and sport & exercise science – alternatively you can choose to do a secondary major in many areas, including counselling, health science, and sports.

UC also offers extensive Work Integrated Learning opportunities including placements in local, national and international organisations - if available.

This is a fully accredited course by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council opens opportunities for further study in psychology at honours and masters levels.

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

- be introduced to the latest theory, practice, and research in a diverse range of areas of psychology including developmental, physiological, social, and cognitive
- focus on applied psychology and research
- be able to choose elective units in exercise psychology, health psychology, and forensic psychology
- gain transferable skills that are highly sought after by a diverse range of employers including critical analysis, communication, problem solving, teamwork, and research
- graduate from a fully accredited course and be eligible for entry into professional postgraduate training courses in clinical and other areas of psychology.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Work-integrated learning (WIL) is an integral component of the Bachelor of Science in Psychology journey as it gives students the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience and build professional relationships through real work, or work-like placements.

This, in turn, enhances each student's confidence, employability and reinforces our commitment to preparing professional and highly employable graduates with the right mix of skills, knowledge, and experience.

In this course, you will undertake a minimum of 120 hours of practical education where you will work with, and alongside experienced and skilled industry mentors within a local, national or international working environment.

Career opportunities

A Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from UC opens many doors and can lead to a diverse range of study and career options in any of the following areas:

- Psychologist (subject to further studies)
- Human resources
- Policy and research
- Health and welfare
- Public Relations
- Media
- Marketing and advertising
- Disability support

- Community health
- Counselling

Course-specific information

The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council fully accredits the Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Registration as a psychologist requires further study beyond the bachelor's degree. There are currently three pathways to certification following completion of the bachelor's degree:

- complete an accredited honours degree (or equivalent) followed by two-year's supervised clinical experience
- complete an accredited honours degree (or equivalent) followed by an accredited one-year professional postgraduate diploma, followed by one-year's supervised clinical experience
- complete an accredited honours degree (or equivalent) followed by a two-year's Master of Clinical Psychology course.

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.

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 - 45 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 21 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

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

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Open Electives - 27 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 27 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a major, a minor and/or individual units.

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

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

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

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Accelerated Full Time, Winter Term Commencing

Year 1**Semester 2**

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

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

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Year 3**Semester 1**

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Accelerated Full Time, Winter Term Commencing, Option B

Year 1

Semester 2

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

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

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Year 2

Semester 1

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Standard Full-Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Year 2

Semester 1

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

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Learning \(7127\)](#)

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

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

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

Two Open Elective Units

Year 4

Semester 1

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\)](#)

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

Two Open Elective Units

Course information

Course duration

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

Learning outcomes

| Learning outcomes | Related graduate attributes |
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| Knowledge and understanding of the core topics in the discipline of Psychology, as required by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council. | Analysis and Enquiry |

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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

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