

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (780AA.4)

Please note these are the 2021 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	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Psychology
UAC code	365123
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](#)

Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Psychology
CRICOS code	054172M
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

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 understand human behaviour in a wide range of settings.

In only three 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 course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and 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 sport and performance 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

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 UC Bachelor of Science in Psychology course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council. Registration to work as a psychologist requires further study beyond the bachelor's degree. For students commencing this course, there are two pathways to registration.

- Complete an accredited one-year honours course in psychology (or equivalent), followed by an accredited one-year master of professional psychology course, followed by one-year's supervised professional experience.
- Complete an accredited one-year honours course in psychology (or equivalent), followed by an accredited two-year master of clinical psychology course, or a two-year accredited course in another area of professional psychology (e.g.

forensic, organisational, educational, clinical neuropsychology, or sports psychology).

Further information is available at <https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (<https://apac.au/>)

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is based on an entrance rank. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

- Year 12 ATAR
- other Australian Qualification
- work experience
- overseas qualification

We also offer a number of entry initiatives that give you the opportunity to gain entry to the University via alternate pathway programs and admissions schemes.

More information is available on our Alternative Entry page: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/alternative-entry>

Additional admission requirements

For Work Integrated Learning (WIL), students may require a Working with Vulnerable People card.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Winter Term	26 May 2025	✓	
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Winter Term	08 June 2026	✓	

2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Winter Term	07 June 2027	✓	
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

University Of Canberra College

[Diploma of Health \(28395\)](#)

Course requirements

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

Required - 48 credit points as follows

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

Core Major in Psychology (CM0025) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

Specialist Major in Psychological Science (SM0068) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Experimental Psychology \(7118\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Physiological Psychology \(7120\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

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

Motivation and Emotion (7124) | 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

Learning and Cognition (10447) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Open Electives - 24 credit points as follows

- - Must pass 24 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a breadth major, a breadth 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

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Two Open Elective Units

Year 2

Semester 1

Experimental Psychology (7118)

Learning and Cognition (10447)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

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

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

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

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

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing, BM0042 Breadth Major in Forensic and Legal Psychology

Year 1

Semester 1

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\)](#)

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\)](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\)](#)

[Counselling Communication \(5258\)](#)

Semester 2

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\)](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\)](#)

[Counselling for Dispute Resolution \(9427\)](#)

[Law and Society \(11257\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

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

[Learning and Cognition \(10447\)](#)

[Gender and the Legal System \(11259\)](#)

[Cultures and Diversity \(11129\)](#)

Semester 2

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

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

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

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

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\)](#)

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

Winter Term

[Forensic and Criminal Psychology \(10448\)](#)

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing, BM0043 Breadth Major in Counselling Studies

Year 1

Semester 1

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\)](#)

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\)](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\)](#)

5258 Counselling Communication

Semester 2

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\)](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\)](#)

5549 Intro to Counselling Theory & Practice

11852 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Health Contexts

Year 2

Semester 1

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

[Learning and Cognition \(10447\)](#)

6853 Group Work

11129 Cultures and Diversity

Group Work (6853)

Semester 2

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

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

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

11146 Global Perspectives on Gender, Sex and Sexuality

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

12145 Contemporary Counselling Applications

Semester 2

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

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\)](#)

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

12146 Advanced Counselling Practices

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\)](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\)](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

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

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

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Learning and Cognition \(10447\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

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

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

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing, BM0042 Breadth Major in Forensic and Legal Psychology

Year 1

Semester 2

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\)](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\)](#)

Law and Society (11257)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\)](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\)](#)

Counselling Communication (5258)

Cultures and Diversity (11129)

Semester 2

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

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

Restricted Choice Unit

[Counselling for Dispute Resolution \(9427\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Learning and Cognition \(10447\)](#)

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

Gender and the Legal System (11259)

Semester 2

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

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\)](#)

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

Winter Term

Forensic and Criminal Psychology (10448)

Year 4

Semester 1

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

Restricted Choice Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing, BM0043 Breadth Major in Counselling Studies

Year 1

Semester 2

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\)](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\)](#)

11852 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Health Contexts

Year 2

Semester 1

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\)](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\)](#)

5258 Counselling Communication

11129 Cultures and Diversity

Semester 2

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

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

11146 Global Perspectives on Gender, Sex and Sexuality

5549 Intro to Counselling Theory & Practice

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Learning and Cognition \(10447\)](#)

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

6853 Group Work

Semester 2

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

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

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

12146 Advanced Counselling Practices

Year 4

Semester 1

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\)](#)

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

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

12145 Contemporary Counselling Applications

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\)](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\)](#)

Semester 2

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\)](#)

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

Year 3**Semester 1**

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

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

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\)](#)

Year 4**Semester 1**

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 5**Semester 1**

[Learning and Cognition \(10447\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 6**Semester 1**

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

[Psychopathology \(7128\)](#)

Semester 2

Course information

Course duration

Standard 3 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 10 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Comprehend and apply theories and concepts in the discipline, using a scientific approach, as required by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.	<p>1.1 UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;</p> <p>1.3 UC graduates are professional: Use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;</p> <p>3.3 UC graduates are lifelong learners: Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
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.	<p>1.3 UC graduates are professional: Use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;</p> <p>2.1 UC graduate are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession;</p> <p>3.4 UC graduates are lifelong learners: Evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
Apply knowledge and skills of psychology in a manner that is reflexive, culturally appropriate, and sensitive to the diversity of individuals.	<p>2.3 UC graduate are global citizens: Understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures;</p> <p>2.4 UC graduate are global citizens: Communicate effectively</p>

	<p>in diverse cultural and social settings;</p> <p>2.1 UC graduate are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession.</p>
Understanding and application of values, research and professional ethics in psychological research and other professional contexts.	<p>2.6 UC graduate are global citizens: Behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives;</p> <p>1.6 UC graduates are professional: Take pride in their professional and personal integrity;</p> <p>3.2 UC graduates are lifelong learners: Be self-aware.</p>
Demonstrate interpersonal skills and teamwork.	<p>1.4 UC graduates are professional: Work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict;</p> <p>2.4 UC graduate are global citizens: Communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings</p> <p>2.5 UC graduate are global citizens: Make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p>
Demonstrate self-directed pursuit in scholarly inquiry in psychology.	<p>1.5 UC graduates are professional: Display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload;</p> <p>3.1 UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development;</p> <p>2.1 UC graduate are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession.</p>
Analyse and critique theory and research in the discipline of psychology and communicate these in written and oral formats.	<p>1.2 UC graduates are professional: Communicate effectively;</p> <p>2.4 UC graduate are global citizens: Communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;</p>

2.2 UC graduate are global citizens: Adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries.

Majors

- [Core Major in Psychology \(CM0025\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Psychological Science \(SM0068\)](#)

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

Double Degrees (see individual entries of these double degrees on this website for details):

ARSC01 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Psychology

MGSC02 Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Science in Psychology

SCHL01 Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Bachelor of Health Science (Human Movement)

SCSC01 Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Bachelor of Laws

SCSC03 Bachelor of Politics & International Relations/Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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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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.