



Bachelor of Science in Psychology (780AA.4)

Please note these are the 2023 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.

English language requirements

An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

Duration 3.0 years

UAC code 365123

Faculty Faculty of Health

Discipline Discipline of Psychology

Location UC - Canberra, Bruce

Fees 2021: Commonwealth Supported Place
2022: Commonwealth Supported Place

Disclaimer:

Annual fee rates

The fees shown are the annual fee rates for the course. The annual rate is the fee that applies to standard full-time enrolment, which is 24 credit points. The final fee charged is based on the proportion of 24 credit points in which a student enrolls. Students enrolled in a Commonwealth Support Place (CSP) are required to make a contribution towards the cost of their education, which is set by the Commonwealth Government. Information on Commonwealth Supported Places, HECS-HELP and how fees are calculated can be found [here](#).

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](#).

[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

English language requirements

An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

CRICOS code

054172M

Faculty

Faculty of Health

Discipline

Discipline of Psychology

Location

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Duration

3.0 years

Fees

2021: \$30,200 per year

2022: \$31,500 per year

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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 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

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

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
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	06 February 2023	✓	✓
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Winter Term	30 May 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	31 July 2023	✓	✓

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](#). Credit is not permitted towards completion of a graduate certificate.

Course requirements

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

Required - 48 credit points as follows

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 may need to 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

Open Elective Unit

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Two Open Elective Units

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Year 2

Semester 1

Experimental Psychology (7118)

Learning and Cognition (10447)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

Personality and Individual Differences (7122)

Open Elective Unit

Physiological Psychology (7120)

Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)

Year 3

Semester 1

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

Social Psychology (7125)

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)

Psychopathology (7128)

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

Open Elective Unit

Motivation and Emotion (7124)

Professional Evidence (Psychology) (10446)

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

Year 1

Semester 1

Counselling Communication (5258)

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Law and Society (11257)

Counselling for Dispute Resolution (9427)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Year 2

Semester 1

Cultures and Diversity (11129)

Gender and the Legal System (11259)

Experimental Psychology (7118)

Learning and Cognition (10447)

Semester 2

Physiological Psychology (7120)

Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)

Restricted Choice Unit

Personality and Individual Differences (7122)

Year 3

Semester 1

Restricted Choice Unit

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)

Psychopathology (7128)

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

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)

Counselling Communication (5258)

Semester 2

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Professional Practice in Health (8997)

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Intro to Counselling Theory & Principles (5549)

Year 2

Semester 1

Cultures and Diversity (11129)
 Learning and Cognition (10447)
 Group Work (6853)
 Experimental Psychology (7118)

Year 3**Semester 1**

Ethics and Law for Health Professionals (7951)
 Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)
 Psychopathology (7128)
 Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

Semester 2

Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)
 Counselling for Dispute Resolution (9427)
 Personality and Individual Differences (7122)
 Physiological Psychology (7120)

Semester 2

Motivation and Emotion (7124)
 Health Psychology and Behaviour (8736)
 Professional Evidence (Psychology) (10446)
 Social Psychology (7125)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1**Semester 2**

Foundations of Psychology (10444)
 Open Elective Unit
 Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)
 Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Year 2**Semester 1**

Two Open Elective Units
 Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)
 Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Open Elective Unit
 Personality and Individual Differences (7122)
 Physiological Psychology (7120)
 Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)

Year 3**Semester 1**

Experimental Psychology (7118)
 Open Elective Unit
 Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)
 Learning and Cognition (10447)

Semester 2

Open Elective Unit
 Motivation and Emotion (7124)
 Professional Evidence (Psychology) (10446)
 Social Psychology (7125)

Year 4

Semester 1

Psychopathology (7128)

Two Open Elective Units

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

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

Year 1

Semester 2

Law and Society (11257)

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Year 2

Semester 1

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Cultures and Diversity (11129)

Counselling Communication (5258)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Counselling for Dispute Resolution (9427)

Physiological Psychology (7120)

Restricted Choice Unit

Personality and Individual Differences (7122)

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

Restricted Choice Unit

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)

Psychopathology (7128)

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

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

Year 1

Semester 2

Professional Practice in Health (8997)

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Year 2

Semester 1

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Cultures and Diversity (11129)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Counselling Communication (5258)

Semester 2

Intro to Counselling Theory & Principles (5549)

Personality and Individual Differences (7122)

Physiological Psychology (7120)

Counselling for Dispute Resolution (9427)

Year 3

Semester 1

Experimental Psychology (7118)

Learning and Cognition (10447)

Ethics and Law for Health Professionals (7951)

Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)

Semester 2

Health Psychology and Behaviour (8736)

Motivation and Emotion (7124)

Professional Evidence (Psychology) (10446)

Social Psychology (7125)

Year 4

Semester 1

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)

Psychopathology (7128)

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

Group Work (6853)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 3 years full-time or equivalent. Maximum 10 years.

Learning outcomes

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Related graduate attributes

<p>Comprehend and apply theories and concepts in the discipline, using a scientific approach, as required by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.</p>	<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>
<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>	<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>
<p>Apply knowledge and skills of psychology in a manner that is reflexive, culturally appropriate, and sensitive to the diversity of individuals.</p>	<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 in diverse cultural and social settings;</p> <p>2.1 UC graduate are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession.</p>
<p>Understanding and application of values, research and professional ethics in psychological research and other professional contexts.</p>	<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>
<p>Demonstrate interpersonal skills and teamwork.</p>	<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</p>

technology in their learning and professional lives.

Demonstrate self-directed pursuit in scholarly inquiry in psychology.

1.5 UC graduates are professional: Display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload;

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;

2.1 UC graduate are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession.

Analyse and critique theory and research in the discipline of psychology and communicate these in written and oral formats.

1.2 UC graduates are professional: Communicate effectively;

2.4 UC graduate are global citizens: Communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;

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 In order for the Diploma of Health Studies to be awarded the student must have: a) completed 24 credit points with at least 12 credit points at Level 1 b) completed a minimum of 12 credit points at UC and c) obtained a minimum of 12 credit points in any of the health disciplines. In order for the Associate Degree in Health Studies to be awarded the student must have: a) completed 48 credit points with at least 12 credit points at Level 1 and 12 credit points at Level 2 b) completed a minimum of 24 credit points at UC and c) obtained a minimum of 24 credit points in any of the health disciplines.

Enrolment data

2020 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
UC - Canberra, Bruce	199

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email student.centre@canberra.edu.au
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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.