

340AA Graduate Diploma in Psychology

Year and Campus:	2012 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	061720G
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	125 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
Coordinator:	Assoc Prof Jennifer Boldero
Contact:	Ara Shivanath
Course Overview:	<p>The Graduate Diploma in Psychology is designed for graduates of other disciplines who may be interested in changing career direction and eventually qualifying as a registered psychologist, or for those who wish to study psychology simply out of interest in the discipline.</p> <p>The Psychological Sciences introduced a FULL-TIME Graduate Diploma in Psychology option in 2008 which allowed students to complete the Level 100 requirements in an intensive Summer Term and go on to enrol in the remainder of the course full-time.</p> <p>Key Features and Benefits of the Full-time program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Flexibility to pursue different pathways # An intensive and accelerated pathway towards a change of career # Completed over 1 year, comprising the full undergraduate psychology sequence # Includes an intensive summer term <p>About the Graduate Diploma in Psychology</p> <p>The Graduate Diploma in Psychology entails the completion of eight compulsory subjects and two elective subjects, each worth 12.5 points (125 points in total). These 10 subjects comprise the three-year undergraduate 'sequence' accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) (http://www.apac.psychology.org.au/), which is required as a first step for professional registration.</p> <p>Graduate Diploma in Psychology students participate in the normal lectures and classes of psychology undergraduate students. Unlike our undergraduates, Graduate Diploma students only have to complete the ten subject sequence and do not need to take additional subjects in other disciplines. All psychology subjects at the University of Melbourne include a laboratory/tutorial component in addition to a lecture program. All Graduate Diploma students, on successful completion, may apply for entry to an accredited fourth year course in psychology at the University of Melbourne or at other Australian universities.</p> <p>The Graduate Diploma in Psychology is offered both as a part-time and as a full-time program.</p>
Objectives:	<p>100-level psychology subjects are designed to give students an overview of the study of psychology and provide grounding in the methodology of the discipline. <i>Mind, Brain and Behaviour 1</i> focuses on the workings of the individual from a psychological perspective. It includes detail of the neural components constituting the brain, the operation of the sensory systems underlying interaction with the external environment and the cognitive processes that construct the internal world experienced by the individual. Careful consideration will be given to the nature of this internal world and the importance of its relationship to the external world. <i>Mind, Brain and Behaviour 2</i> focuses on the development of the individual and their interaction with their environment and considers what the consequences are, both when this interaction proceeds smoothly and when it does not proceed smoothly. Questions concerning human development, giving attention to cognitive and to social-emotional aspects, are explored. An understanding of some basic issues in human development is complemented with an examination of the nature and development of personality and human interaction in social groups and cultural settings.</p> <p>200 and 300 Level psychology subjects provide students with the opportunity to critically examine basic psychological concepts and theories in the areas of biological bases of behaviour, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, sensation and perception, and social and personality psychology. Students also develop skills in research methodology and</p>

	data analysis. In the third year, students choose two electives which allow them to study an area of interest in depth.																																																									
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>The Graduate Diploma in Psychology involves the completion of ten Psychology subjects that are equivalent to an APAC accredited Psychology major.</p> <p>To qualify for the Graduate Diploma students must complete 100 points (eight subjects) of core subjects and 25 points (two subjects) of elective subjects.</p>																																																									
Subject Options:	<p>Part-time course requirements</p> <p>Students enrolled in the part-time Graduate Diploma complete the course over two or three years, completing the following core subjects, plus two third-year elective subjects from the elective list below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PSYC10003 Mind, Brain & Behaviour 1</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC10004 Mind, Brain and Behaviour 2</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20006 Biological Psychology</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20008 Developmental Psychology</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20007 Cognitive Psychology</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20009 Personality and Social Psychology</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC30013 Research Methods for Human Inquiry</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC30021 Psychological Science: Theory & Practice</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Full-time course requirements</p> <p>Students enrolled in the Full-time Graduate Diploma complete the course in one year, including taking the two first-year subjects in the summer semester. They take the core second and third year subjects in first and second semesters, together with two elective subjects from the lower list (one in first semester and one in second semester).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PSYC80001 Mind, Brain & Behaviour 1</td> <td>January</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC80002 Mind, Brain & Behaviour 2</td> <td>February</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20006 Biological Psychology</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20008 Developmental Psychology</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC30013 Research Methods for Human Inquiry</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20007 Cognitive Psychology</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC20009 Personality and Social Psychology</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSYC30021 Psychological Science: Theory & Practice</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Elective Subjects</p> <p>All students, whether completing the Graduate Diploma in part-time or full-time mode, MUST complete two elective subjects in addition to the core subjects listed above. Ideally, one elective should be taken in each semester of the third-year (for part-time students) or in each semester of second- and third-year subjects (for full-time students).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	PSYC10003 Mind, Brain & Behaviour 1	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC10004 Mind, Brain and Behaviour 2	Semester 2	12.50	PSYC20006 Biological Psychology	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC20008 Developmental Psychology	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC20007 Cognitive Psychology	Semester 2	12.50	PSYC20009 Personality and Social Psychology	Semester 2	12.50	PSYC30013 Research Methods for Human Inquiry	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC30021 Psychological Science: Theory & Practice	Semester 2	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	PSYC80001 Mind, Brain & Behaviour 1	January	12.50	PSYC80002 Mind, Brain & Behaviour 2	February	12.50	PSYC20006 Biological Psychology	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC20008 Developmental Psychology	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC30013 Research Methods for Human Inquiry	Semester 1	12.50	PSYC20007 Cognitive Psychology	Semester 2	12.50	PSYC20009 Personality and Social Psychology	Semester 2	12.50	PSYC30021 Psychological Science: Theory & Practice	Semester 2	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
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PSYC30016 Developing Persons in Social Worlds	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30017 Advanced Studies of Human Cognition	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30018 Neuroscience and the Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30014 The Psychopathology of Everyday Life	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30015 Organisational Psychology	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30019 Development of the Thinking Child	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30020 Psychology of Sleep and Emotions	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30022 Advanced Personality & Social Psychology	Semester 2	12.50

Entry Requirements:

Entry is open to graduates who have completed a three-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in any discipline. Selection will be based on academic merit and, in particular, academic performance in the final year of study. International students entering the course will need to demonstrate the standards of English language facility required for postgraduate entry to the University of Melbourne.

Mid-year intake (for part-time students only)

Graduates who apply and are selected for mid-year intake should note that their sequence of study will be different to those students who begin in the first semester. Applicants for mid-year entry will need to discuss their course plan with the Department prior to enrolling in the Graduate Diploma in Psychology.

Application procedures

Applications for local students are made on-line <https://sis.unimelb.edu.au/cgi-bin/course-application.pl> (<https://sis.unimelb.edu.au/cgi-bin/course-application.pl>)

2012 Summer Semester intake – applications close **31st October 2011**

2012 Semester 1, intake - applications close **24th December 2011**

2012 Semester 2, intake – applications close **31st May 2012**

The course code is **340AA**.

For information on course planning, you can contact the Graduate Diploma Coordinator, Ara Shivanath on aras@unimelb.edu.au (<mailto:aras@unimelb.edu.au>)

Once you have completed the application, a hard copy must be printed out, signed and returned to the University with certified copy of your Transcript and Proof of Citizenship Status (Birth Certificate, Passport, Citizenship Certificate or Permanent Residency stamp).

Please send the supporting documentation to:

Graduate Diploma in Psychology Coordinator (<mailto:aras@unimelb.edu.au>)

Psychological Sciences
12 th Floor Redmond Barry Building
University of Melbourne 3010

Processing and making an offer for a place in the course usually takes two weeks from receipt of the application.

Applications for International students are submitted through the International Office. <http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/> (<http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/>)

Core Participation Requirements:

Psychology welcomes applications from students with disabilities. It is University and Faculty policy to take all reasonable steps to enable the participation of students with disabilities and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the Department's programs. Students must possess behavioural and social attributes that enable them to participate in a complex learning environment. Students are required to take responsibility for their own participation and learning. They also contribute to the learning of other students in collaborative learning environments, demonstrating interpersonal skills and an understanding of the needs of other students. Assessment may include the outcomes of tasks completed in collaboration with other students. The inherent academic requirements for study in Psychology are: The ability to comprehend complex disciplinary and interdisciplinary information related to the courses taught in the Faculty. The ability to clearly and independently communicate a knowledge and application of behavioural and social sciences principles and practices during

	assessment tasks. The ability to actively and safely contribute to laboratory-based learning activities. Students who feel their disability will prevent them from participating in tasks involving these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit.
Further Study:	<p>In order to become eligible for registration as a Psychologist in Australia, it is necessary to complete an APAC accredited six-year sequence, consisting of an undergraduate major in Psychology (or its equivalent, eg Graduate Diploma), a fourth-year Honours program (or equivalent eg Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology) plus a two-year coursework Master's qualification, which includes substantial clinical placement components.</p> <p>Graduates of the Graduate Diploma are eligible to apply for entry to the Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology. Entry to the Postgraduate Diploma is by competitive selection and applicants must achieve a minimum grade average over second and third-level subjects of 77%.</p>
Graduate Attributes:	Graduates will have: drawn together the theory and practical skills gained in previous undergraduate studies; developed new research and professional skills to take into the workforce or further study; and gained an in-depth knowledge in a particular discipline.
Professional Accreditation:	The Graduate Diploma in Psychology is accredited by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) as the equivalent of an undergraduate Psychology major.