

Psychology

Year and Campus:	2015
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Overview:	<p>Psychology is a broad and intellectually fascinating scientific discipline focussed on understanding behaviour and experience, particularly in humans. The science of psychology involves a wide range of perspectives and approaches, with psychological research findings having important applications in areas such as health, education, business, and commerce, as well as informing us about how human behaviours and motivations relate to a wide range of societal issues.</p> <p>Taught at the University since the late 1800s, the Psychology undergraduate program is designed to provide students with flexibility and choice, offering a broad range of subjects that provide a thorough and extensive grounding in the discipline. Studies in psychology prepare graduates for a diverse range of careers that are based on understanding human behaviour, including health, education, industry, commerce, welfare and government.</p> <p>Completion of a Psychology major accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) is the first step towards registration as a practicing psychologist, or towards a career as a research psychologist.</p> <p>The APAC accredited sequence consists of a prescribed minimum of 125 credit points of Psychology subjects (i.e., 10 subjects), comprising 100 credit points of core psychology subjects across levels 1-3 (i.e., 8 core subjects), and 25 credit points (i.e., 2 subjects) of level 3 Psychology subjects selected from a range of electives.</p> <p>The APAC accredited psychology major provides a strong grounding in basic psychological concepts and theories in the areas of biological, cognitive, developmental, social, and clinical psychology. Students will also develop skills in research methods and data analysis, and an advanced knowledge in at least one domain of psychology. A non-APAC-accredited 75 point minor sequence is also available within the Bachelor of Arts.</p>
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Graduates of the accredited Psychology major will demonstrate the following learning outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Knowledge of Psychology:</i> A broad knowledge of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in the core topic areas of psychology, as outlined by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council; <i>2. Scientific Enquiry and Critical Thinking:</i> A capacity for scientific reasoning, problem solving and research skills to enable investigation and interpretation of the key factors underpinning behaviour and mental processes; <i>3. Communication of Psychological Knowledge:</i> Skills in communicating psychological concepts and theories effectively to professional and lay audiences in both written and oral formats; <i>4. Ethical and Social Responsibility:</i> A broad knowledge of ethical principles and their application to the conduct of research and professional practice, and the development of professional values to work effectively with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds; <i>5. Development of Professional Skills:</i> Work and study skills that sharpen their readiness for employment and/or further study, including skills in critical thinking, literature review, experimental design and data analysis, reflective thinking, giving and receiving feedback, and working effectively both independently and in groups; <i>6. Application of Psychological Knowledge and Skills:</i> An ability to articulate how psychological theories and research relating to human behaviour and behavioural change can be applied to explain and inform problems at the personal, interpersonal and societal levels.
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Psychology is available as both a 125 point APAC accredited major and as a 75 point (non-accredited) minor sequence of study within the BA.</p> <p>Students wishing to undertake further professional training in Psychology must take the prescribed 125 point APAC accredited Psychology major sequence consisting of 8 core</p>

Psychology subjects across levels 1-3, and 2 elective Psychology subjects at level 3. All Psychology undergraduate subjects are worth 12.5 credit points.

Students intending to complete the APAC accredited Psychology major sequence must note that *25 points of level 2/3 subjects are required to be taken within the breadth component of the degree*, and should factor this into their course planning - see **sample course plans** (<http://ba.unimelb.edu.au/about/course-structure.html>)

Subject Options:**PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR**

(Accredited) Major: requires 25 points of level 2/3 subjects to be taken as breadth

Level One Subjects

Students completing a major in Psychology must complete the following subjects (25 points) at level one:

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

Level Two Subjects

Students completing a major in Psychology must complete all of the following subjects (50 points) at level two:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
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

Level Three - Compulsory Subjects

Students completing a major in Psychology must complete the following compulsory subjects (25 points) at level three:

Research Methods for Human Inquiry is the compulsory capstone subject for the major and is not available in the minor.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PSYC30013 Research Methods for Human Inquiry	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30021 Psychological Science: Theory & Practice	Semester 2	12.50

Level Three - Elective Subjects

Students completing a major in Psychology must choose two of the following elective subjects (25 points) at level three:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PSYC30017 Perception, Memory and Cognition	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30018 Neuroscience and the Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30012 The Unconscious Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30016 Social and Emotional Development	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30022 Trends in Personality & Social Psychology	Semester 2	12.50

PSYC30019 Development of the Thinking Child	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30015 Applications in Psychology	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30014 The Psychopathology of Everyday Life	Semester 2	12.50
PSYC30020 The Integrated Brain	Semester 2	12.5

Please note: Students may take no more than 125 points (10 subjects) in any one discipline area in the Bachelor of Arts.

Level 3 subjects build on the skills and knowledge obtained at Level 2. For example, Trends in Personality and Social Psychology builds on Personality and Social Psychology at Level 2. Memory, Perception and Cognition builds on Cognitive Psychology at Level 2. Social and Emotional Development and Development of the Thinking Child build on Developmental Psychology at Level 2. Neuroscience and the Mind and Psychology of Sleep and Emotions build on Biological Psychology at Level 2. The remaining Level 3 subjects draw on knowledge acquired across Level 2 subjects.

Further information on the structure of the accredited psychology sequence is available on the **Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences** (<http://www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/>) website.

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

The BA minor in Psychology is a 75 point sequence.

Level One Subjects

Students completing a minor in Psychology must choose the following subjects (25 points) at level one:

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

Level Two Subjects

Students completing a minor in Psychology must choose two of the following subjects (25 points) at level two:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
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

Level Three Subjects

Students completing a minor in Psychology must choose two of the following subjects (25 points) at level three:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PSYC30017 Perception, Memory and Cognition	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30018 Neuroscience and the Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30012 The Unconscious Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PSYC30014 The Psychopathology of Everyday Life	Semester 2	12.50

	PSYC30015 Applications in Psychology	Semester 2	12.50
	PSYC30016 Social and Emotional Development	Semester 2	12.50
	PSYC30020 The Integrated Brain	Semester 2	12.5
	PSYC30022 Trends in Personality& Social Psychology	Semester 2	12.50
Links to further information:	http://www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/		
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts		