

# Psychopharmacology [Psychiatry (Austin Health)]

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<b>Overview:</b>	Psychopharmacology refers to the study of the effects of drugs on behaviours, including emotional states and cognition. The honours programme is designed to introduce students to the discipline through advanced course work and a research project. It is primarily focused on psychiatric disorders through studies of the effects of medications in healthy volunteers, patients with mental illness and the use of animal models of illness.																		
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>At the end of the course students should have gained an insight into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contemporary understandings of the aetiology and treatment of psychiatric disorders;</li> <li>• the mechanism of action of the major classes of psychotropic medications;</li> <li>• the limitations and usefulness of animal models for studying psychiatric disorders;</li> <li>• report writing and critical evaluation of relevant scientific literature;</li> <li>• communication of science through oral presentation;</li> <li>• on time management of the important phases of the research project: ethics approval, literature review, experiments, and report writing</li> </ul>																		
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>The Honours program consists of 100 credit points completed over 12 months full time (or part time equivalent) comprising of two (2) Advanced Coursework subjects and a Research Project.</p> <p>To be awarded Honours with a specialisation in Psychopharmacology [Psychiatry (Austin Health)], students must successfully complete the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># BIOM40001 - Introduction to Biomedical Research (12.5 points)</li> <li># PSYT40007 - Psychopharmacology Coursework - AH (12.5 points)</li> <li># PSYT40005 and PSYT40006 - Psychiatry Research Project (75 points)</li> </ul> <p>There are no elective subjects in this Honours program.</p>																		
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<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.psychiatry.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.psychiatry.unimelb.edu.au/</a>																		
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Bachelor of Biomedicine (Degree with Honours)																		

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