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HONOURS DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

2022 Admissions Guide

Our Honours Degree of Bachelor of Psychological Science offers the necessary foundation for postgraduate research and registration as a psychologist.

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SATAC CODE

3BH020

Entry to this degree is competitive, and strict intake numbers apply. Minimum places will be offered to applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds or applicants who entered Australia on a refugee or humanitarian visa. Scholarships for academic merit are also available on a limited basis.

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080991D

DURATION

1 year full-time (or part-time equiv.)

LOCATION

North Terrace Campus

MID-YEAR ENTRY

not available

DEFERRAL

Yes

Requirements

Available to students who have completed an APAC accredited three year Psychology degree (or equivalent such as APAC accredited Graduate Diploma of Psychology). Equivalent or post-graduate qualifications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Registration

A minimum six-year sequence of education and training in psychology is required for an individual to become eligible for general registration as a psychologist in Australia. The six-year sequence at the University of Adelaide begins with the three-year Bachelor of Psychological Science, then the one-year Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours), and then with a two-year Master of Psychology. On successful completion of a Masters of Psychology degree, a graduate may apply to the Psychology Board of Australia and register as a psychologist.

Career Opportunities

Psychology prepares graduates for a range of exciting careers that require advanced problem-solving, critical thinking and understanding of human behaviour, such as:

- human resource management
- advertising and marketing
- evaluation and applied research
- mental health services
- youth work
- family and social services
- public and private sector management
- juvenile justice and corrective services
- relationship counselling
- residential care worker
- private sector administration and management
- correctional services

With further study, graduates can be employed in areas such as:

- Clinical psychology—specialising in the assessment, treatment and prevention of a wide range of emotional and behavioural problems.
- Health psychology—learning skills in illness prevention and treatment in public health settings.
- Organisational psychology—applying knowledge of human behaviour to the enhancement of organisational effectiveness, productivity and individual wellbeing.
- Clinical neuropsychology—specialising in the assessment and treatment of emotional and behavioural disorders associated with dysfunction of brain processes or head injury.
- Counselling psychology—helping individuals, families and other groups with issues related to personal wellbeing, interpersonal relationships, work, recreation, health and crisis management.
- Educational psychology—working within schools or the public service.
- Sport and exercise psychology—helping individuals and teams develop the skills needed to enhance performance and enjoyment when participating in physical activity.
- Research/academic psychology—applying skills to the advancement and communication of knowledge relating to psychology.
- Geropsychology—applying practical knowledge of primary prevention strategies and rehabilitation for older people

Degree Structure

Honours Psychology is normally taken as a full-time program over one year. To complete the program candidates are required to:

- undertake an assessment in the compulsory topic “Current Issues in Psychology”
- undertake an assessment in the compulsory topic “Research Methods and Statistics”
- undertake assessment in two elective coursework topics
- attend the compulsory Honours Research Seminar series
- present for examination a report that reports a research project carried out under supervision

Honours can be completed full-time (1-year) or part-time (2 consecutive years). Students will need to complete 24 units from which 12 units will be the research component, 6 units will be 2 compulsory courses and 6-units will be 2 elective choices. For those students studying part time, coursework needs to be completed before the research component, and the research component needs to be completed within a calendar year. Assessment will be based on a combination of examinations, attendance at compulsory Honours Research Seminar series, and the presentation of a report of a research project carried out under supervision.

Example Core Courses

Core Courses

PSYCHOL 4301 Research Methodology & Statistics

PSYCHOL 4302 Current Issues in Psychology

Electives - Courses to the value of 6 units from the following (subject to change):

PSYCHOL 4310 Human Behaviour & Criminal Justice

PSYCHOL 4304 Advanced Psychology in Society

PSYCHOL 4308 Organisational Psychology

PSYCHOL 4309 Mind, Brain & Behaviour

Research Component

Students must complete EITHER a thesis OR a research project:

PSYCHOL 4300A Honours Psychology Research Project Part 1

PSYCHOL 4300B Honours Psychology Research Project Part 2

Entry Overview

Graduate entry only.

Applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements below in order to proceed to ranking for offer:

- Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) from an approved university with an overall GPA of 5.0 or higher across all completed courses in a program of study, and;
- The completed degree must be equivalent to an **psychologycouncil.org.au** Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three year major sequence of study in Psychology, and;
- Applicants must have a minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 65% (credit average) across all psychology courses taken at Level II and Level III.

For information on the accreditation status of your program please see: **psychologycouncil.org.au**

Applicants who have an overseas qualification should supply a certified copy of the assessment of their qualifications by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) by the closing date. You may upload this as part of your SATAC application or submit a hard copy to Level 6, 431 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000.

Information on having your qualification assessed by APS can be found at: <https://www.psychology.org.au/About-Us/What-we-do/Assessing-overseas-qualifications>

Only applicants who have met the minimum eligibility requirements will be ranked for an offer based on their Weighted Average Mark across all psychology courses taken at Level II and Level III.

The formula used to calculate this is as follows:

Weighted Average Mark = (Level II Psychology courses x 50% weighting) + (Level III Psychology courses x 50% weighting).

Strict quotas apply.

English Language Requirements

International applicants must also satisfy English Language Requirements for the course through any of the following:

- Successful completion of an Australian year 12 qualification with a minimum pass in an accepted English language subject
- Completion of any of the following English tests:

	Overall	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
IELTS	6.5	6	6	6	6
TOEFL	79	13	13	18	21
Pearsons	58	50	50	50	50
Cambridge	176	769	769	169	169

How to Apply

Step 1: Attend the information session

An information session for the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) 2022 intake will be held in September 2021. For updates on this session, please check the Honours and Higher Degrees by Research page at health.adelaide.edu.au/our-research/honours-and-higher-degrees-by-research

For more information contact: psychology@adelaide.edu.au

Step 2: Complete the application form

Domestic applicants must **apply via SATAC**

International applicants must apply via international.adelaide.edu.au/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-now.

Key dates

Applications will close on 18 October 2021

Offer rounds will commence from December 2021

Orientation will commence in late January/early February 2022

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway

The Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences is committed to increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who participate in its programs, and makes particular effort to encourage Indigenous students to participate in health education.

This degree has allocated a number of places just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Application Process

1. You should contact the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Student Support Officer to discuss your interest in applying - fhms.sso@adelaide.edu.au or +61 8 8313 0273.

2. Submit a South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) application online.

3. Submit the satac.edu.au/documents/atsistatdec.pdf Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Declaration Form. You may upload the form as part of your SATAC application or submit a hard copy within five working days of submitting your SATAC application to Level 6, 431 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000.

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined above.

Humanitarian Entry Pathway

Do you wish to be considered for the Humanitarian entry pathway?

This degree has allocated a number of places just for applicants who originally entered Australia on a Refugee/Humanitarian Visa.

Humanitarian Entry Pathway application process

1. Submit a South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) application online.

2. Upload a copy of your Refugee/Humanitarian Visa to your SATAC application. Alternatively, you may submit a hard copy within five working days of submitting your SATAC application to Level 6, 431 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000.

3. Contact the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Admissions Officer, flagging your interest in being considered for the Humanitarian Entry Pathway - askhealthsc@adelaide.edu.au

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined above.

More information



adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder

Search: Psychological Science

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