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150 YEARS

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)

2025 Admissions Guide



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OF EIGHT
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SATAC Code

3BH020

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080991D

Duration

1 year full-time (or part-time equivalent)

Location

North Terrace Campus

Mid-year entry

Not available

DeferralYes

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

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.

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 and developmental psychology—helping individuals and organisations with cognitive, social and emotional learning, within schools, development or disability services, and clinics.
- 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 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, 9 units will be 3 compulsory courses and 3-units will be from 1 of 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 component carried out under supervision.

Honours is not available in remote mode, and attendance is a requirement for all scheduled on-campus teaching activities.

Example Courses

Core courses

PSYCHOL 4301 Research Methodology & Statistics

PSYCHOL 4302 Interpersonal Communications & Interviewing
(formerly named Current Issues in Psychology)

PSYCHOL 4314 Applied Psychological Interventions & Research

Electives

PSYCHOL 4309 Contemporary Issues in Psychology 1
(formerly named Mind, Brain & Behaviour)

PSYCHOL 4312 Contemporary Issues in Psychology 2
(formerly named Forensic & Correctional Psychology)

Research component

Students must complete EITHER:

PSYCHOL 4300A Honours Thesis in Psychology Part 1

PSYCHOL 4300B Honours Thesis in Psychology Part 2

Or:

PSYCHOL 4311A Honours Psychology Research Project Part 1

PSYCHOL 4311B Honours Psychology Research Project Part 2

Entry overview

Graduate entry only.

Available to students who have completed an APAC accredited three year Psychology degree (or equivalent such as APAC accredited Graduate Diploma of Psychology).

Entry to this degree is competitive, and strict intake numbers apply. This degree has allocated a number of places specifically for applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds or applicants who entered Australia on a refugee or humanitarian visa.

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 Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) (psychologycouncil.org.au) 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 must supply a certified copy of the assessment of their qualifications by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) by the closing date. You must upload this as part of your SATAC or International Application System application. Information on having your qualification assessed by APS can be found at: psychology.org.au

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.

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 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) 2025 intake will be held in September 2024. For updates on this session, please check the Honours and Higher Degrees by Research page at health.adelaide.edu.au/study-with-us/honours
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/

Key dates

Applications will close on 14 October 2024.

All applicants must submit their results in the form of an official transcript showing completion of the degree, or final results able to be officially verified by the University of Adelaide by Monday 8 December 2024.

Offers will commence from October 2024.

Orientation will commence in late January/early February 2025.

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 Entry pathway

1. Submit a South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) application online.
2. Submit the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Declaration Form as part of your SATAC application.

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

Humanitarian Entry Pathway

In further recognition of the importance of diversity within health professions, we also offer a humanitarian pathway to encourage students who arrived in Australia on a humanitarian visa to pursue a career in health care.

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.
3. Contact the Admissions Operations Team, flagging your interest in being considered for the Humanitarian Entry Pathway at uoaapplications@adelaide.edu.au

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



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Kurna acknowledgement

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kurna people, the original custodians of the Adelaide Plains and the land on which the University of Adelaide's campuses at North Terrace, Waite, and Roseworthy are built. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs. The University continues to develop respectful and reciprocal relationships with all Indigenous peoples in Australia, and with other Indigenous peoples throughout the world.