

Honours in Psychology - Research Stream and Work Integrated Stream

From 2019 a new two-stream structure was applied to the honours program. This change was a response to student feedback highlighting an interest in having more work-based experience, and the value of having the ability to opt for a stream that suits career interests. The two streams are the **Research Stream** and the **Work Integrated Stream**.

Importantly, both streams lead to the same opportunities regarding postgraduate study and entering the workforce. No stream is more advantageous than the other, and the streams are in place simply to allow students to opt for one that suits their interests. What does matter is the final honours class regardless of stream, which is a weighted cumulative GPA from fourth year courses.

The **Research Stream** includes a one-on-one 8-unit thesis supervised by a School academic and involves students undertaking all thesis components such as data collection and analysis independently. This stream would suit students who intend to go on with research, such as enrolling in a PhD. Also suitable for students intending to enter a Masters training program. Supervisor information and preferences are available in January each year. Students are welcome to contact supervisors independently ahead of time.

The **Work Integrated Stream** involves a shorter 6-unit team thesis which is collaborative in nature where students will also complete a work placement at an organisation arranged by the school. You will be assigned to a thesis group run by a School of Psychology academic as your supervisor with the assistance from a group thesis tutor. You will have a two-hour timetabled class per week, and you are expected to work independently outside of class. Students submit their own independent thesis. This stream would suit students who intend to enter the workforce after honours (which could be in a diverse range of organisations). Also suitable for entering PhD or Masters training programs. Supervisor information and preferences are available in January each year.

Research Stream (16 units total)	Work Integrated Stream (16 units total)
Individual Research Thesis (8 units)	Team Research Thesis (6 units)
Core Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methods (PSYC4050) Scientist-Practitioner Model (PSYC4121) 	Core Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methods (PSYC4050) Scientist-Practitioner Model (PSYC4121) Work and Research in Applied Psychology (workplace experience course) (PSYC4221)
Elective (2 units)	Elective (2 units)
Seminar (2 units)	Seminar (2 units)

Entry into either stream is not determined by GPA. However, if too many students choose one stream relative to the number of available places, a GPA minimum will be applied to remain in that stream. You will be required to nominate your preferred stream via the stream preference and study mode survey sent to you via email, and your place in that stream will be confirmed via email in **December 2025**. Students cannot switch streams once streams are confirmed.

Information session slides detailing specific honours entry requirements, enrolment, and differences between the streams is also available here: <https://psychology.uq.edu.au/study/honours>

If you have applied for honours, or are progressing through to honours in 2026, please check your email regularly (for UQ students, correspondence is only sent to your student email account).

Need further advice? Please contact Honours Administration at psychhonours@psy.uq.edu.au