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School of Psychology Honours in 2027



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Acknowledgement of Country

We honour the Yuggera and Turrbal people
as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and
their descendants, who continue cultural
and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to
Australian and global society.

The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time
by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.



- ▶ Why do Honours?
- ▶ Two streams
- ▶ Work and Research in Applied Psychology
- ▶ Entry requirements, enrolment and application procedure



Why do honours?

- ▶ PhD
- ▶ If you'd like to become a practicing psychologist, then you need a 4-year accredited sequence.
 - At the end of this program you will have met the qualification requirements for provisional registration as a psychologist.
 - You can either seek supervised practice to achieve full registration or complete a relevant Masters/Doctorate level program.



What if I don't do Honours?

If you don't plan to continue to the honours year in 2027 and want to leave the program (exit option) or take a break, please reach out to the admin team to talk about it.

psychhonours@psy.uq.edu.au

Entry requirements, enrolment and application procedure

Sem 1 commencement only

- BPsySc(Hons) students
 - All years 1-3 degree requirements completed (#48 units). No online application required.
- BA/BSc Students (**UQ Students**)
 - Degree complete by the end of Semester 2, 2026. Cumulative GPA of at least a 5.0 required across second and third year psychology extended major core courses & best 3rd year Psych elective. (<https://psychology.uq.edu.au/study/honours/honours-application-details>).
 - **Applications close 31 October**

Two Streams

Research Stream



Work-integrated Stream





Research Stream

PSYC4050	Psychological Research Methodology IV	2 units	Core
PSYC4071	Individual Research Thesis	8 units	Core
PSYC4091	Team Supervised Thesis	6 units	Core
PSYC4121	The Scientist-Practitioner Model	2 units	Core
PSYC4221	Work and research in applied psychology	2 units	Core. Team Thesis Students Only
PSYC4####	Elective	2 units	Elective
PSYC4####	Seminar	2 units	Elective



Work-integrated Stream

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Research Stream

PSYC4071

Individual Research Thesis

8 units

Core

7000-8000 words

50%

You should therefore spend at least 50% of your time (20 hours a week) working on your thesis project.



Work-integrated Stream

PSYC4091

Team Supervised Thesis

6 units

Core

5000-6000 words

37.5%

You should therefore spend at least 37.5% of your time (15 hours a week) working on your thesis project.

BOTH ARE GREAT

- You can get into a PhD with either stream
- You can get into a Masters with either
- You will get to do fantastic research with either
- You will get to do hands on work placement in the Work Integrated Stream
- You will get to do a meatier thesis (and maybe have a little more topic flexibility) in Individual





Research Stream

PSYC4071	Individual Research Thesis	8 units	Core
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Start thinking about who you'd like to work with now!

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Research

Emeritus

Executive

College of Supervisors

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National Centre For Youth Substance Use Research (NCYSUR)

Professor Fiona Barlow - Schi

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Publications

Book Chapters (9)

Journal Articles (123)

Conference Papers (2)

Research Reports (3)

Book Chapters

Barlow, Fiona Kate, Vickers-Jones, Raine, Alba, Beatrice, Williamson, Emma and Hutton, Vicki (2021). **Sexism**. Multicultural responsiveness in counselling and psychology: working with Australian populations. (pp. 125-151) edited by Vicki Hutton and Susan Sisko. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-55427-9_5

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Louis, Winnifred R., Stork-Brett, Kat and Barlow, Fiona Kate (2013). **Friendship across Gender and Sexual Identities**. The psychology of friendship and intimacy relationships in

The vaccination divide: Exploring moral reasoning associated with intergroup antipathy between vaccinated and unvaccinated people

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Work-integrated Stream

PSYC4091

Team Supervised Thesis

6 units

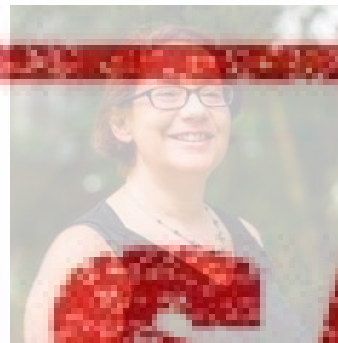
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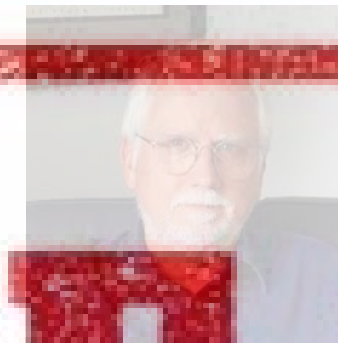
Mark Horswill



Hema Selvanathan



Ada Kritikos



Eric Vanman



Natasha Matthews



Brendan Zietsch



Lena Oestreich



Jolanda Jetten &
Kelly Kirkland

SAMPLE ONLY

Each team will be assigned ~20 students and a tutor.

You'll be asked to nominate your preferred stream in **December**.

Research Stream



OR

Work-integrated Stream



Things to consider when choosing your Honours stream

- Your strengths
- Preference for group/individual thesis work (learning style)
- Time commitment and flexibility
- Desire to do your research on a particular/specific topic
- Desire regarding depth of project and research skill acquisition
- Contact with supervisor
- Desire to be in a lab group setting
- Timetabling limitations

Seminars

Semester 1

Semester 2

PSYC4881



David Sewell

PSYC4882



Marjolein Kammers

PSYC4883



Philip Grove

PSYC4884



Amanda Robinson

PSYC4885



Sarah Grainger

PSYC4886



Christoph Klebl

PSYC4887



Michael Noetel

PSYC4881



Kana Imuta

PSYC4882



Luke French

PSYC4883



Courtney von Hippel

PSYC4884



Stefanie Becker

PSYC4885



Beth O’Gorman

PSYC4886



Brendan Zietsch

PSYC4887



Tony Barnett

**PSYC4981 – Current
Issues in Psychology
Sem 1 2027**

Electives

**PSYC4181 Applied
Social Psychology
Sem 2 2027**

**PSYC4191 – Improving
Human Factors
Sem 2 2027**



Honours is extremely intensive
and requires a large commitment.

**Full Time
OR Part Time**

Family commitments?

Do I need a
break/interruption?

Work commitments?

Can I still apply for a
Clinical/Counselling/Org
Psychology Masters program
if my Hons Thesis is not in
that area? - YES!

Honours is a time to teach you
all to be researchers

My advice for honours students

Do I need Honours for my
chosen career?

Do my further studies require
Honours for entry?

Have supports in place and
balance study/work/life

Go online for up-to-date timelines: <https://psychology.uq.edu.au/study/honours>

School of Psychology - Timeline for Honours 2027

The following timeline, procedures and due dates will assist in making the honours application or progression process smoother. For further assistance, please feel free to contact the Honours Administrator by emailing psychhonours@psy.uq.edu.au.

During September 2026

- Initial progression to 4th-year notification emailed to eligible UQ BPsySc (Hons) students (pending any outstanding results).

By 31 October 2026

- BA and BSc Hons Application Due Date – students wanting to undertake the BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) in Psychology program in 2027 to submit an online application.
- BPsySc (Hons) students are not required to apply.

During November 2026

- Conditional/unconditional offers will be sent to successful UQ BA and BSc (Hons) applicants.
- Conditional/unconditional offers will be sent to successful external BA and BSc (Hons) applicants.
- Stream preference and study load survey emailed to BPsySci (Hons) students (30 November)
- Stream preference and study load survey emailed to successful BA/BSc (Hons) students (30 November)

Wednesday 2 December 2026

- Finalisation of grades for UQ students.

By Sunday 6 December 2026

- BPsySc (Hons) students to respond to progression offer by completing online survey indicating preference of stream and study load (full-time or part-time).
- Successful BA/BSc applicants to respond to offer via online application centre and complete online survey (link emailed separately) to indicate preference of stream and study load (full-time or part-time)

Monday 14 December 2026

- Key program information emailed to students including confirmation of stream - (Individual Research or Work Integrated Stream)

Wednesday 16 December 2026

- Enrolment opens for coursework and Thesis for the year (except seminar course)
- Exceptions – External BA and BSc Hons applicants that are still to provide final transcripts and UQ BA and BSc Hons applicants yet to meet program requirements due to deferred exams will not be able to enrol until all requirements have been completed.*

During December 2026

- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

During January 2027

- Supervisor preference form opens and details sent to commencing students. (check emails during January)
- Students in the individual research stream hoping for a supervisor agreement are encouraged to approach potential supervisors earlier, if able, due to increased staff leave during January.

February 2027

- Honours supervisor preference information collated, and students and supervisors allocated.
- Compulsory Honours orientation session - check the Starting at UQ website for details.
- Seminar enrolment opens – exact date will be communicated to students.

NB: *UQ students in the B Psychological Science (Hons) program with deferred or supplementary assessment approved for Sem 2 2026 or summer enrolment – you will be considered conditional to progress pending results.*

Students in the BPsySc (Hons) program who are experiencing academic challenges will be invited to meet with the Honours Program Coordinator for additional guidance and support prior to commencing the honours year.



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WRAP

Work and Research in Applied Psychology

Course Team

School of Psychology course staff



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Placement Coordinator

HMBS Placement Readiness Team


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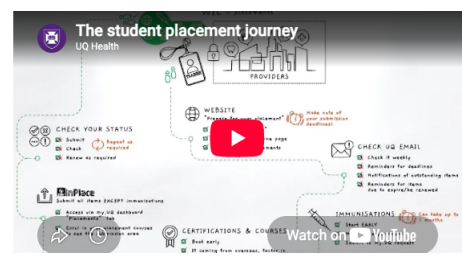
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Prepare for your Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences placement

Information and services / Manage my program / Placements

As a student studying in the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences, you will complete clinical and/or industry placements throughout your program. This is the first step in your journey to becoming a professional.



Course Aims

*This course has been designed to provide fourth year students with the opportunity to gain an understanding of the **practical applications** of their psychology degree to a variety of areas of professional practice. The course includes a **work integrated learning** component requiring students to undertake placement within an organisation arranged by the School.*

Work Integrated learning (WIL)

Course Structure

**On campus workshops and
assessment items**

**60 Hours of placement with a host
organization**

- Compulsory for all work integrated stream students.
- Completed in semester 1 **OR** 2
- Placement activities are full days with the days and times differing between placements

Placements cover all areas of applied psychology

Placements



Overlapping skill sets: Measure, understand and change behaviour

Placements

**Organisational
psychology**

**Clinical
psychology/
private practice**

Consulting

**Queensland
Health/
hospital**

Non-profit

**Community
support**

**Policy/
Government**

Education

**Behaviour
Modification/
Program
development**

Placement readiness requirements

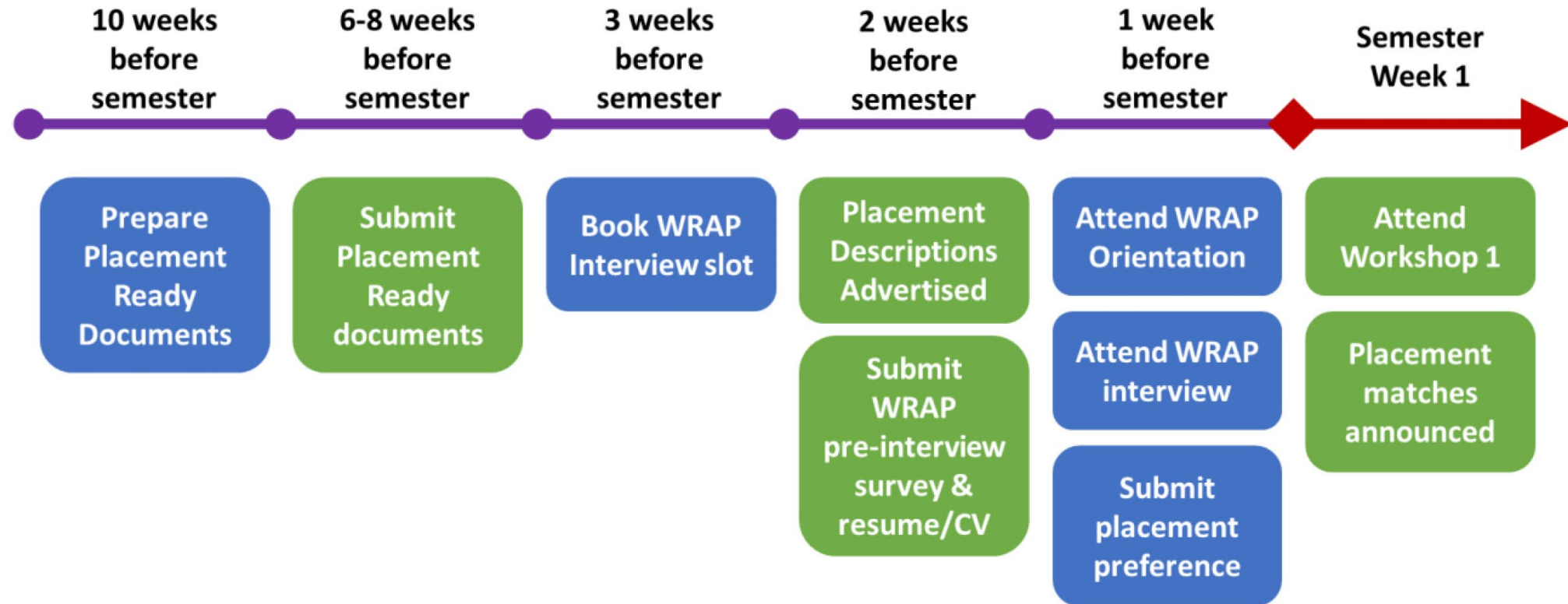
Health and Safety while on Placement

Requirements protect *student*
well-being

Requirements protect the well-
being of *vulnerable populations*
that we work with

- These need to be *completed before* placements can start
- Requires some *advanced planning* prior to your honours year

Placement matching timeline



Placement are arranged prior to the start of semester

PLEASE MONITOR YOUR UQ EMAIL TO ENSURE YOU DO NOT MISS THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE START OF SEMESTER

Top Tips to Achieve Compliance

1



Check Your UQ Student Email

Or forward to your personal email

2



Check InPlace Often

If something is rejected, read the comments in your 'To Do List' and action

3



Begin your immunisation record now with your GP

Upload when requested via **my.UQ** even if not complete by the deadline

4



Always upload full documents as a single file

To InPlace/my.UQ (even if only one page has info)

Verified

Submitted

Rejected



Verified

Submitted

Rejected



KEY TIP

Regularly check your Immunisation Case (via My.UQ) and action all requirements until your case shows as **COMPLETE**



KEY TIP

Regularly check your InPlace and action all requirements until ALL '**REJECTED**' items have been marked as **verified**

Placement readiness requirements

my.UQ

[Home](#) [Starting at UQ](#) [Programs and Courses](#) [Graduation](#) [Contact](#)

Prepare for your psychology placement

To be able to go on placement, you will need to submit evidence that you have met the requirements listed below.

You must complete all requirements by the deadline. If you don't, you may not be able to attend your placement and it may significantly impact your ability to progress through your program.

Some of these requirements have expiry dates so there will be times when you will need to renew a requirement. **It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet or renew all requirements before they expire.**

Make sure you read and promptly action any emails from the HMBS Placement Ready team so that we can assist you to be placement ready. [If you don't meet the requirements](#), you will not be able to complete your placement and progress in your program.



Need help?

[Contact the HMBS Placement Ready team](#) for help understanding and completing your requirements before you go on placement.

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)



Website:

<https://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/manage-my-program/placements/hmbs/psychology>

Placement readiness requirements

- The exact ***requirements differ*** depending on the placement type/location
- Completion of these requirements will impact the placements you are ***eligible*** for
- The majority of requirements can be completed once you have your honours stream confirmed
- **You will be contacted once you can commence uploading these requirements**
- However, you will need to ***plan in advance*** for requirements that have a long lead time such as the ***immunization requirements***

PSYC4221 WRAP – Placement Requirements

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Blue Card – FREE

National Police Check (NPC) – Approx \$50-60

Recommended provider:

Australian Federal Police website

Important:

We do not accept checks from QLD Police Service (QPS)

Disability Worker Screening (Yellow Card – FREE)

HMBS Placement Preparation Modules (FREE)

Deadlines

Semester 1
18 Jan 2027

Semester 2
21 June 2027



TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CLINICAL PLACEMENTS:

Student Immunisation Record Form A

- Evidence of vaccination or serology for Varicella, MMR, Hepatitis B – GP appointment Required
- Tuberculosis Self Assessment Form – complete yourself

QLD Health Documents

- Ilearn modules – Transcript
- National Hand Hygiene Initiative (NHHI) Modules
- Student Orientation Checklist
- Record of Allied Health student training
- Student Deed Poll – to be taken to first day of placement

Mater Health Documents

- Confidentiality form
- Student Checklist.

Placement readiness timeline: Semester 1

Activity	Suggested date to commence preparation
Immunisations: Verify that your immunisations are up to date and complete any outstanding course of immunisation	From now
Mandatory Requirements: Apply for Blue Card, Yellow Card, and National Police Certificate, Complete HMBS Placement Preparation Modules	Once your honours stream is confirmed (mid- December)
Clinical placement requirements: Upload immunisation evidence, complete iLearn Modules, NHHI Modules, Allied Health Training Module, Queensland Health Orientation Checklist, Record of Allied Health student training	Once your honours stream is confirmed (mid- December)
Clinical placement Orientation requirements: If you are matched to a clinical placement, you will be asked to complete from additional requirements which may include, student deed poll, N95 mask fit testing, confidentiality form	Once you have been matched to your placement organisation

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Useful Links	
Prepare for your psychology placement	FYI
Blue Card	Mandatory
National Police Check	Mandatory
Australian Federal Police Website	FYI
HMBS Placement Preparation Modules	Mandatory
Disability Worker Screening	Mandatory
Completing your student immunisation records: allied health	For QLD Health placements
Student Immunisation Record Form A	For QLD Health placements
Tuberculosis Self-Assessment Form for Students	For QLD Health placements
Queensland Health pre-placement requirements	For QLD Health placements
National Hand Hygiene Initiative (NHHI) modules	For QLD Health placements
Mater Hospital pre-placement requirements	For Mater placements
Contact the Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences Placement Ready team	FYI
Compliance Information Sessions (Dec – Feb)	FYI
Contact the Immunisation Team (immunisation@uq.edu.au)	FYI

Questions about your pre-placement compliance requirements?



General Enquiries



Website

<https://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/manage-my-program/placements/hmbs>



Email

Hmbs.placementready@uq.edu.au



Phone

07 3346 0903
Monday - Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm



Online Support



Online Chat

Join via the [Contact Us](#) webpage.
Monday to Friday, 1pm to 3pm



Online Chat

Monday - Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm
[UQ Service Centre - Video Kiosk](#)



Register for an Information Session December 2026 - Feb 2027

*Dates to be confirmed on our
website closer to the time*
[More information - here](#)



Visit Us



In Person Support

Mondays – Thursdays 11am -2pm
Room 311, Level 3 Building 881
(Mayne Medical School – Herston)

Questions About Placement



Contact your Placements Coordinator or School:

<https://about.uq.edu.au/faculties-institutes/hmbs/about/schools-institutes-centres>

Self-sourced placements

- WRAP team source a wide variety of placement opportunities and vet these for suitability
- Students can **source their own placements** if they have an interest in a particular area or are already involved in a relevant role that meet the requirements of a placement for the course.
- The placement must meet the following requirements to be considered:
 - Be relevant to the course and degree
 - No conflict of interest between student and organisation
(<https://integrityinvestigations.uq.edu.au/support-and-advice/conflict-interest>)
 - Consist of unpaid work
 - Student must be enrolled in the course before commencing placement
- Interested students must complete the self-sourced placement application form and the Placement Coordinator will connect with the organisation
- If you would like to self-source a placement for semester 1, contact the Course Coordinator and Placement Coordinator to discuss no later than **6 January 2027**

Things to consider when choosing your Honours stream

- The streams are equally good, challenging and interesting
- They share many features, but tend to place emphasis on slightly different components, skills, and experiences
- In developing your preference, consider your broader preferences and goals
- Research component in both streams can be pure science or applied science (depends on your thesis topic)
- There is as much as variation within each stream as between streams (depends on your thesis topic)

Considerations	Research stream (individual thesis)	Work-integrated stream (team thesis + placement)
Learning style and content	Engaging in independent work; focus on theoretical knowledge and conducting research	Engaging in teamwork; focus on practical experience with hands-on, real-world applications
Time and flexibility	Significant time commitment to independent research	Time for research and placement, requiring flexibility with varying schedules and locations
Supervision and support	1:1 interaction with academic research supervisor	Collaborative environment with peers and direct supervision by placement supervisor
Skill development and experience	In-depth research skills; independent problem-solving (can involve teamwork)	Teamwork; practical knowledge in applying psychological knowledge to solve problems
Scope and application	Broader range of research topics; focus on advancing knowledge	Insight into career options in applied psychology; focus on advancing and applying knowledge