

# 4th Year/Honours in Psychology

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## Why do 4th Year/Honours in Psychology?

- For those interested in research, an Honours degree will make you eligible to apply for a PhD level program
- If you wish to become a practicing psychologist you need a 4-year accredited sequence
  - At the end of this program you will have meet the qualification requirements for provisional registration as a psychologist
  - You can either seek supervised practice to achieve full registration or complete a relevant Masters level program

# Honours 2018



Approved Accredited 4 year Psyc degree with honours

Master of Business Psychology **Non-Accredited**

Business Consultant (no psych registration)



# 4th Year/Honours 2018

## Why do 4th Year/Honours at UQ?

- Ranked 21 best Psychology School/Dept in the world in the 2016 QS World University rankings
- Research training major component of 4th Year/Honours
- UQ School of Psychology is one of the strongest research departments in Australia.
- We are active researchers covering a broad and diverse range of areas
- UQ provides excellent opportunities for postgraduate research and professional training (PhD, professional doctorate & masters)

# 4th Year/Honours 2018

## What is 4th Year/Honours like?

- 4th Year/Honours year builds on the APAC accredited three-year sequence to:
  - Provide an integrated & comprehensive education in psychology;
  - Introduce applied aspects of psychology;
  - Permit advanced study in a range of fields in psychology;
  - Provide experience and training in aspects of advanced research.
- The program aims to foster the transition from the undergraduate program to the areas of postgraduate specialisation. This does not, however, include training in an area of specialisation itself.
- Regardless of individual or group thesis, honours is extremely intensive and requires a large commitment.

## ⦿ Research stream

- Independently-run project
- See supervisor once a week (face-to-face)
- Suitable if intending a career in research
- (though still eligible to apply to **all** postgrad programmes)

## ⦿ Professional stream

- Project run with a group of peers
- Weekly lectures and meetings, in group context
- Access to Professional Skills (Work and Research in Applied Psychology)
- Suitable if intending a career as a professional / clinician
- (though still eligible to apply to **all** postgrad programmes)

# Thesis Differences in 2018

## Research stream thesis

- Students assigned an honours class
- #8 thesis completed
- Focussed for research intensive careers  
(but will be eligible for postgraduate pathways too)

## Professional stream thesis

- Students assigned an honours class
- #8 thesis completed
- Very clear further study pathways
- ***Eligible to enrol in the new Professional Skills course (#2)***

\*if anyone is in the BPsySc and tracking towards group thesis to contact the school

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## Professional stream thesis

- Students assigned an honours class
- #6 thesis completed
- Intended for professional study pathways (but will be eligible for research postgraduate pathways)
- **Completed in conjunction with Professional Skills course (#2)**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL: NOT FINALISED



4th Year/Honours entry

**BPsySci Students**



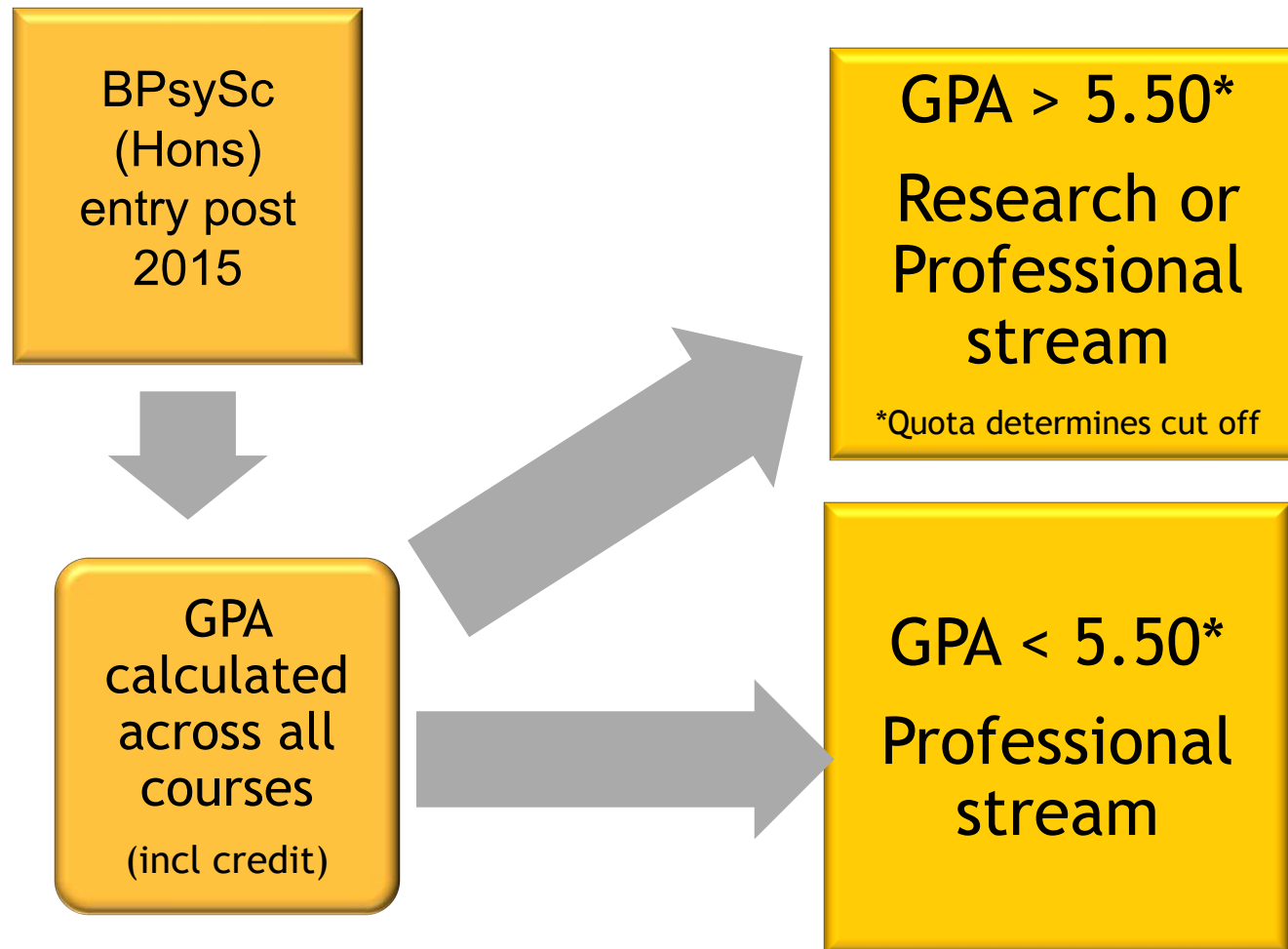
# Entry Requirements

## BPsySci(Hons)

- Who have completed:
  - All degree requirements to third year of the BPsySc, and
  - #48 units of the program
- are automatically eligible for the fourth year
- You can only commence 4th Year/Honours in Semester 1.

# Entry Requirements

## BPsySc(hons) students



# Options

- If you have completed #48 units of the program then you can withdraw and be awarded the BBehSci
- You should consider this option if you do not require 4<sup>th</sup> Year/Honours in Psychology for your chosen career path
- Many postgraduate programs DO NOT require a 4-year/Honours degree for entry (eg: audiology, master of mental health, counselling, speech pathology, business)

# How is the entry GPA calculated?

- By multiplying the number of units by the grade achieved for the course. Then add these results together and divide by the sum of units for all the courses

$$\frac{(\text{Units} \times \text{Grade}) + (\text{Units} \times \text{Grade})}{(\text{SUM number of Units})}$$

- All years 1 -3 courses, including credit and electives, are used in the GPA calculation
- Grades for repeated attempts at courses will be averaged for the GPA

# Application Procedure, UQ students

## BPsySci (hons)

Students will be emailed in September regarding their **intention to progress.**

Another email will be sent with offer of progression in December.

If you wish to exit with the BBehSci, please let us know and we will advise of the process.

# What happens then?

## PLEASE NOTE:

- ⦿ Offers will be made **via email** to your student email address
- ⦿ Make sure you check this account regularly during December, January & February
  - You can nominate a person to respond to the offer email on your behalf if you will be travelling overseas

# Notification dates

- ◉ An email will be sent out to all BPsySci(Hons) eligible to progress by **8/12/17** advising:
  - ◆ Of an offer into the:
    - Professional stream
  - Or
  - Research stream
- ◆ Ineligible Applicants will not be contacted. Please contact the School if you are expecting to progress and have not been confirmed after the **8/12/17**



# Notification letter

- Keep the notification email and attachments!
- If you are beginning Honours in 2018, we will be in touch in early 2018 to notify you of:
  - Research Thesis 'meet the supervisors' session (Last week of Jan 2018)
  - How to indicate your preferences for supervisors (Research and Professional)
  - A compulsory orientation session in O-Week (starts from 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018)
- **NOTE: O Week starts 12 Feb in 2018**
- **Sem 1 starts 19 Feb in 2018**

# Enrolment

- ◉ University enrolment is via SI-net
  - Enrol in the individual courses
  - NOTE: #1 SEMINAR COURSES are not yet finalised for 2018, so there will not be a full list
  - Enrolment for your seminar course will take place after you attend the O-week 4th year orientation session in Feb 2018

# 4th Year/Honours Enrolment

## Research Stream

### Compulsory

#### #8 Thesis

#2 Psychological Research  
Methodology IV

#2 The Scientist-Practitioner Model

#1 Ethical Considerations for  
Psychologists (pass/fail)

### Electives

1 x #1 seminar (You may not take  
more than 1 seminar)

**1 x #2 elective**

## Professional Stream

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**1 x #2 electives - Professional skills  
course**

# Part-Time Enrolment

- If you enrol part-time:
  - There is no 'evening only' timetable. Part-time students are expected to attend classes scheduled between 8am-10pm Monday to Friday.
  - You must split your load fairly evenly over the 2 years
  - You must do PSYC4050 Psychological Research Methodology IV in year 1
  - Part-time students do the thesis (PSYC4071 or PSYC4092) **and** ethics (PSYC4060) concurrently in year 2 -- you may not spread the thesis over more than 1 year
  - Your results will be processed with the cohort of your finishing year

# Seminar (#1 unit) Courses

- ◉ Enrolment limit in each is 20 – to allow an opportunity for debate and discussion!
  - Note that the structure and workload of the seminar courses is similar
  - The aim is to foster critical analysis and debate about theories and issues
- ◉ Enrolment will open via Si-net after the Orientation meeting in O-Week February 2018
- ◉ When the quota is reached no further enrolments will be permitted

# Research Stream Supervisor Preferences

- ⦿ You are required to complete the supervisor preference form online between **22/01/18** and **5/02/18**
- ⦿ Do this through the Psychology web page: **Prospective Students ⇒ 4th Year/Honours ⇒ Online Preference Form**
- ⦿ Supervisor information and the on-line form will only be available from **22/01/18**.
- ⦿ We will run a 'meet the supervisor' session during the last week of January 2018

# Areas for Research Stream Supervision

- **Applied/Professional Psychology**
  - Clinical Psychology
  - Health Psychology
  - Organisational Psychology
  - Sport Psychology
- **Cognition & Neuroscience**
  - Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Perception
  - Social Behaviour
  - Cognitive Development
  - Human Factors
  - Memory & Attention
- **Developmental Psychology**
- **Social Psychology**



# But it is complicated...

- **Many supervisors supervise across areas...**
  - So take the time to read through the projects of multiple supervisors, you may be surprised





# Research Stream Supervisor Preferences

- ◉ The online form will ask you to select 6 supervisors (in order) that you'd like to work with
- ◉ In addition, we will ask you to list 3 ***different*** broad area topics (Applied/Professional, Cognition & Neuroscience, Developmental, Social)
- ◉ We work through your 6 nominated individuals and then through your three broad areas and allocate as we can

# Research stream Supervisor allocation

- ◉ We will also take into account requests by supervisors for students with whom they have worked in research experience courses (PSYC2991/2/SOSC3900) or summer/winter research placements, or volunteer capacity.
- ◉ If we cannot match you via student + supervisor preference, allocations are primarily GPA based (highest GPA, second-third-etc selection)

# Research Stream Supervisor Preferences

- ◉ Do not list the same person 6 times, or the same area 3 times (you're likely to end up disappointed)
- ◉ If you have a lower GPA, you are more likely to get someone you want (or an area you want) if you are strategic – e.g.,
  - Pick less well known individuals who look interesting (and meet them beforehand to see if they are actually interesting)
  - Pick less popular areas

# Professional Stream Thesis

- ◉ Students in the group thesis undertake a group project for the 8# unit thesis.
- ◉ Students will attend a lecture series and tutorials for the PSYC4092 thesis.
- ◉ There is limited selection of group projects made available for students.
- ◉ Students submit an individual thesis based on the group project.
- ◉ Further information is provided in the compulsory 4<sup>th</sup> year orientation in O-Week February 2018.

# Professional Stream Supervisor Preferences

- ⦿ Students will be given details of the projects available by week 1.
  - ⦿ In previous years, there have been 3 different project areas.
- ⦿ They will then be asked to list their preferences and assigned to a group.
  - ⦿ Normally we are able to accommodate most students' preferences, but if needed we will use GPA to determine eligibility.

# Honours supervision

- Research stream thesis - You will be notified of your allocated supervisor in early February 2018
- Professional stream thesis – You will be notified in Week 1 prior to your group tutorial sessions starting Week 2
- Supervisors are not expected to engage in **detailed** discussion about thesis projects before Semester 1 2017 – though you may contact them to get reading material
- Supervisors are carefully selected and have a background in Psychology and research
- Supervisors not already on our approved supervisors list are not allowed

# Your responsibilities

- Check your email regularly and respond quickly
- Complete online supervisor preference form by the due date:
  - **Research stream thesis 5/2/18**
  - **Professional stream thesis Friday Week 1**
- Enrol as directed in your notification email
- Attend 4th year orientation session
- If you decide to withdraw - Cancel your enrolment on Si-net **AND** let the School know
  - We will not be informed if you cancel your enrolment

# Honours co-ordinator from Jan 2018

- ◉ Assoc. Prof. Paul Dux
- ◉ [p.dux@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:p.dux@psy.uq.edu.au)





# Questions?

- Please feel free to ask general questions now or see us afterwards for individual queries.