

Honours in Psychology

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Honours 2018

Why do Honours in Psychology?

- **RESEARCH:** For those interested in research, an Honours degree will make you eligible to apply for a PhD level program
- **CLINICAL PRACTICE:** 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

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Why do Honours at UQ?

- Ranked 21 best Psychology School/Dept in the world in the 2016 QS World University rankings
- Research training major component of 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)

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Approved Accredited 4 year Psyc degree with honours

Master of Business Psychology **Non-Accredited**

Business Consultant (no psych registration)



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What is Honours like?

- 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.

Honours entry
BA & BSc students



Entry Requirements

BA (Hons) / BSc (Hons)

- Must have completed degree by end of Sem 2, 2017
 - But if you have #2 units left and have a high GPA, then contact us...

GPA Calculation

BA/BSc students

Post 2011 entry

PSYC2010, 2020, 2030,
2040, & 2050

PSYC3010, 3020, 3102

Electives covering
two areas, plus
PSYC3042 or an extra
elective in any area.

We take your 3 best marks across the required areas from all completed third year electives. Pre-2011 rules are slightly different and students should contact the school.

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

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

- Grades for repeated attempts at courses will be averaged for the GPA

Honours Entry Requirements

BA/BSc students

- BA(Hons) – completion of BA degree with a minimum GPA 5.0 in relevant major, extended major or honours entry courses.
- BSc (Hons) – completion of BSc with a minimum overall GPA of 4 and a GPA of at least 4.5 over #8 of late year courses from Part A of the BSc List relevant to the chosen field.
- UQ BA/BSc (Hons) applicants will be accepted with a GPA of 5.0 or above – individual thesis requires a minimum 5.5GPA
 - If heading for GPA of 5.0 or greater, apply
 - But maximise your chances of success

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)***

Thesis Differences in 2019

Research stream thesis

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

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)**

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⦿ 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)

Professional stream Thesis

- ◉ BA and BSci students will be offered entry into our group supervised thesis (*only if your GPA is between 5.0-5.5*).
- ◉ Apply across the board (other unis) as you may gain an individual place elsewhere.
- ◉ Group thesis is an APAC accredited honours year and you will be eligible for postgraduate study and supervised pathways.

Application Procedure, UQ students

BA/BSc

**Applications DUE 31
OCT 2017. You apply
on-line via the UQ
study website**

Check the school
website

[http://www.psy.uq.edu
u.au/future-
students/4thyear/appl
y.html](http://www.psy.uq.edu.au/future-students/4thyear/apply.html)

What happens then?

PLEASE NOTE:

- ⦿ Offers will be made **via the online application system with an email to your nominated email address**
- ⦿ Make sure you check 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
- ⦿ Transcripts are not necessary for UQ graduates

Notification dates

- ⦿ Notification will be sent out to all UQ applicants by **8/12/17** advising:
 - ◆ An Offer into the
 - BA or BSc Honours
 - ◆ Ineligible Applicants

Notification

- Make sure you follow instructions to accept your offer and read any information we send you.
- If you are waitlisted, then check your email regularly
- If you are beginning Honours in 2018, we will be in touch in early 2018 to notify you of:
 - Individual Thesis ‘meet the supervisors’ session (Last week of Jan 2018)
 - How to indicate your preferences for supervisors (Individual and Group)
 - A compulsory orientation session in O-Week (from 12th 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 – not all course are listed yet
 - Enrolment for your seminar course will take place after you attend the O-week 4th year orientation session in Feb 2018

Honours Enrolment

(Professional or Individual stream thesis)

16 units in total

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

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

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 4th year orientation in O-Week February 2018.

Professional stream Supervisor Preferences

- Students will be given details of the projects available by week 1.
- 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.

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 ⇒ 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

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
- 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

- ◉ Submit your application and check your email regularly
- ◉ Complete online supervisor preference form by the due date:
 - Individual thesis **5/2/187**
 - Group Thesis Friday Week 1
- ◉ Enrol as directed in your notification ie Group or Individual Thesis
- ◉ 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



Questions?

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

