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PROFILE


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(Psychology)
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'Deakin has inspired me not to limit my choices. The tutors and lecturers are so encouraging and they have supported me and always been there to discuss my future plans and study options.

Through the Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) I've also had the opportunity to become involved in student life and I'm the Campus Coordinator for 2011.'



Psychology



Psychologists are interested in how people think, feel and behave. By studying the scientific discipline of the human mind and behaviour, psychologists are able to assess, prevent and treat a wide range of problems. As a psychologist you can work in a variety of settings including clinical, forensic, organisational, educational, health, sport, or many other specialist areas.

Fast-track your degree

Studying Psychology at Deakin gives you entry into one of the fastest growing and most diverse professional fields in Australia and around the world. By taking advantage of Deakin's trimester system, you can now 'fast-track' your degree to complete a three-year Psychology degree in just two years of full-time study – meaning you can gain registration and start your career sooner!


Flexible study options

In addition to traditional face-to-face teaching, all undergraduate Psychology subjects are taught in online/off-campus mode, and can be taken as part of a full-time or part-time degree. You can take advantage of this flexibility to study Psychology when, where, and how you like, and to fit your study in with your work and personal commitments.

Professional recognition

All of our courses are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and also meet the requirements of the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA). This high level of accreditation translates into excellent job and career opportunities for Deakin Psychology graduates.

Diverse employment opportunities



Whether you complete a basic degree in psychology or go on to postgraduate study you will have developed the knowledge and skills that make you highly employable across an array of stimulating employment settings. These include, but are not limited to: mental health, neuroscience, human services, public health, criminal justice, human resources management, organisational development, public relations, education and child development.

Research that makes a difference

The School of Psychology's teaching is underpinned by excellence in research across a range of fields including cognitive and behavioural neuroscience, social psychology, developmental psychology, forensic psychology, organisational psychology and clinical psychology. You will be taught by academic staff who are internationally recognised researchers in their respective fields.

Pathways to registration

The pathway to full registration as a psychologist can be long but extremely rewarding. Those intending to reach full registration must first complete an approved three-year undergraduate psychology sequence, followed by an approved 'fourth-year' of study (such as Deakin's Graduate Diploma of Psychology or honours in Psychology).

After successfully completing four years of undergraduate study in psychology, graduates may apply for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and seek provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA).

In order to gain full registration, provisional psychologists must then complete either two years of supervised practice, or a minimum of two years of postgraduate study, which may include: Master of Psychology, Doctor of Psychology or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). It is at this stage that you can specialise in a particular area of psychology that appeals to your career aspirations.

Deakin offers Psychology courses for every stage of your pathway to registration.



Psychology

Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) 3 B

Deakin code	VTAC code	Indicative first year fee ¹	ATAR
H344	14231 (CSP)	\$6240 (CSP)	80.70
Year 12 prerequisites	VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.		
Non-Year 12 requirements	VTAC Pi form. Some applicants only: STAT Multiple Choice.		

Psychology is concerned with understanding human personality, behaviour, emotion, underlying mental processes and the factors which lead people to differ in the way they think and behave. In the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) you will be exposed to an integrated approach to psychology which covers areas including behavioural and clinical neuroscience, child and adolescent psychology, relationships and the psychology of groups, personality, cognitive psychology, forensic psychology and psychopathology.

While concentrating your studies on psychology, you will also have the ability to explore complementary subject areas in health sciences and diversify your employment opportunities by undertaking elective units of study from any area of the University.

Deakin's Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) is recognised for registration purposes by the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA), is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and enables you to undertake additional study in pursuit of professional registration.

An honours year is available upon completion of this degree, which can provide you with a competitive edge in the job market or a pathway to provisional registration and a higher degree.

Pathway to registration

The requirements for registration as a psychologist include the completion of four years of academic study of psychology that is recognised by the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA). The academic program usually consists of an approved three-year undergraduate psychology sequence, followed by an approved 'fourth-year' of study (such as Deakin's Graduate Diploma of Psychology or honours in Psychology).

Following successful completion of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) plus either a Graduate Diploma of Psychology or honours in Psychology, you may apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA) and associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

In order to gain full registration, provisional psychologists must then complete either two years of supervised practise, or a minimum of two years of postgraduate study, which may include: Master of Psychology, Doctor of Psychology or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Career opportunities

Studying Psychology at Deakin gives you entry into one of the fastest growing and most diverse professional fields in Australia and around the world. Whether you complete an undergraduate degree in Psychology or go on to postgraduate study you will have developed the knowledge and skills that make you highly employable across an array of stimulating employment settings.

Many psychologists work in schools and education settings, or in a variety of businesses, delivering employee assistance programs or training. Increasingly, opportunities are available in commerce and industry such as human resources, business and management.



Bachelor of Psychology 4 B G W

Deakin code	VTAC code	Indicative first year fee ¹	ATAR
H345	B 14691 (CSP)	\$6300 (CSP)	B 85.10
	G 15151 (CSP)		G 79.65
	W 18161 (CSP)		W 61.35
Year 12 prerequisites	VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.		
Non-Year 12 requirements	VTAC Pi form. Some applicants only: STAT Multiple Choice.		

Psychology is concerned with understanding human personality, behaviour, emotion, underlying mental processes and the factors which lead people to differ in the way they think and behave. In the Bachelor of Psychology you will be exposed to an integrated approach to psychology which covers areas including behavioural and clinical neuroscience, child and adolescent psychology, relationships and the psychology of groups, personality, cognitive psychology, forensic psychology and psychopathology.

This four-year course provides you with the opportunity to complete honours in Psychology as part of the final year of this degree. Selection into honours is subject to academic achievement in the first three years of study. If you do not meet the requirements for entry into honours in the fourth year, you will exit with the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology).

Deakin's Bachelor of Psychology is recognised for registration purposes by the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA), is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and enables you to undertake additional study in pursuit of professional registration.

Pathway to registration

The requirements for registration as a psychologist include the completion of four years of academic study of psychology that is recognised by the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA). The academic program usually consists of an approved three-year undergraduate psychology sequence, followed by an approved 'fourth-year' of study (such as Deakin's Graduate Diploma of Psychology or honours in Psychology). The Bachelor of Psychology provides you with the opportunity to complete this four-year sequence in one degree.

Following successful completion of the Bachelor of Psychology (with honours) you may apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA) and associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

In order to gain full registration, provisional psychologists must then complete either two years of supervised practise, or a minimum of two years of postgraduate study, which may include: Master of Psychology, Doctor of Psychology or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Career opportunities

After successfully completing the Bachelor of Psychology (with honours) you will be well prepared for employment in a wide range of areas relevant to human wellbeing, such as social work, youth work, careers counselling, work/life counselling, developmental psychology, research psychology, or mental health rehabilitation.

Depending on your chosen area and level of further study, you will be able to work in a variety of settings, including specialist areas of psychology practice, such as: clinical, forensic, organisational, educational, health, sport and many others. The contexts in which you work may include hospitals, business organisations, schools, universities, government agencies, community sporting groups and various research groups.

Many psychologists are self-employed operating their own private practices, providing consultancy and general counselling. There is also a growing need for general and clinical psychologists in Centrelink, the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service and state offices of corrections.

KEY

- 3** Course duration
- B** Melbourne Campus at Burwood
- F** Geelong Waterfront Campus
- G** Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds
- W** Warrnambool Campus
- X** Off campus

See also

Combined course

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology), page 84.

Related courses

Bachelor of Arts – major sequence in psychology, page 30.

Bachelor of Health Sciences – major sequence in psychology, page 64.



Adele Morrison
Senior Psychiatric Nurse –
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‘The Mental Health workplace clinical experience provides hands-on experience in working with vulnerable people who are experiencing mental health illness, issues or related problems. Clinical training provides an opportunity for students to practise communication skills and therapeutic use of the “self” to aid in the recovery of our consumers.

Some of the Deakin students who undertook clinical placements in 2010 said: “It was totally different to what I expected, it’s been great”, “All the staff are really friendly, they were happy to answer all my questions”, “I felt like I was a part of the team.”

More information on Psychology



2012 Undergraduate Psychology Career Booklet

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- 1 The indicative first year fee is an approximate indication of the cost of this course in the first year of full-time study for a Commonwealth Supported Place. We can't specify the exact figure, because fees are charged per unit, not per course, so the actual fees may vary depending on what units you choose to study.

The fees quoted in this book are for Australian students in 2011, and may change for 2012 and later years. You can find more information about fees on our web site www.deakin.edu.au or page 103. For information on fees for international students, please visit www.deakin.edu.au/international.



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