

Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science



Gain an accredited psychology qualification in one year instead of three. As a psychology professional, your work will focus on the human mind and the fundamentals of behaviour. This course allows you to gain the equivalent of a three-year undergraduate degree in psychology and take the first step towards becoming a registered psychologist.

Pursue your interest in psychology

This course is designed for those who have completed an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than psychology. The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science allows you to study an accredited psychology major sequence that you can complete in as little as one year.

You'll get a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of psychology as well as more complex topics, including:

- child development
- psychopathology
- neural structure
- personality
- social behaviour.

Course overview

Location: Burwood (Melbourne); Waurn Ponds (Geelong); Cloud Campus (online)

Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent

Intake: Trimester 1, Trimester 2, Trimester 3

Industry-relevant content delivered by active practitioners

Course content is industry-led and delivered by passionate teachers who are active contributors to the field. These are just a couple of the reasons why postgraduate psychology courses at Deakin rank #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction and for teaching quality.*

*Student Experience Survey 2018 and 2019 via compared.edu.au

Your pathway to further study

The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and is the equivalent of a three-year accredited psychology undergraduate degree. This means that once you graduate, you can apply for an APAC-accredited 'fourth year' of study that allows you to seek provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia, such as Deakin's Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) or Graduate Diploma of Psychology (Advanced).

Following the completion of a 'fourth year' of study, you can apply for an APAC-accredited master or doctoral-level course, leading to general registration as a psychologist.

Possible options include:

- one year of further study and a one year internship e.g. Master of Professional Psychology – 5 + 1 training model
- two years of further study e.g. Master of Psychology (Clinical) or Master of Psychology (Organisational)
- 3-4 years of additional study e.g. Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)

Your psychology career

If you go on to become a registered psychologist, you can choose to pursue a generalist career path, or specialise in areas such as:

- clinical psychology
- clinical neuropsychology
- organisational psychology
- sport and exercise psychology
- forensic psychology
- counselling psychology
- community psychology.

Even if you're not looking to become a registered psychologist, you'll still graduate ready to pursue careers in a range of exciting fields, including:

- community welfare and case management
- human resources
- mental health rehabilitation
- public health
- youth support
- disability services.

'Teaching is genuinely valued at Deakin. Our student-centred focus means staying on the cutting edge of teaching practice, as student needs and society change. That's always exciting.'

Dr Christian Hyde
Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology



Fit study around your life

You can study the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science either on campus or online in the Cloud Campus, giving you the flexibility to achieve your goals on your schedule.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for admission into this course, applicants will need to have completed a bachelor degree in any discipline.

Ready to take the next step in your psychology career?

Apply directly at deakin.edu.au/apply.

For information on the application process and closing dates, visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/postgraduate-by-coursework.

Please note that closing dates may vary for individual courses.

Course structure

To complete the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science students must attain 10 credit points. All units in the course are core (these are compulsory) and must be completed; there are no elective units.

Year 1	Trimester 1	Psychology A: Fundamentals of Human Behaviour	Psychology B: Individual and Social Development	Psychology Research Methods (Introductory)	The Human Mind
	Trimester 2	Psychopathology	Psychology Research Methods (Intermediate)	Child and Adolescent Development	
	Trimester 3	Brain, Biology and Behaviour	Human Social Behaviour	Personality	

This course structure is correct as at July 2020 and should be used as a guide only. There may be additional 0-credit-point units required. Check the relevant course page on Deakin's website for unit details, including trimester and campus availability. Course advice should always be sought from the relevant enrolment officer.

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Postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees for any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary