Psychology
2016
The University of Tasmania has recently re-confirmed its position as one of Australia’s best universities in a wide range of disciplines, as ranked by the internationally recognised QS World University Rankings for 2015.

The international ratings agency evaluate more than 3000 universities for academic reputation, employer reputation and research impact.
Psychology is the science behind human behaviour – the way we think, behave, react and interact.

Our University recognises the broad and significant impact that psychology has on daily life, business, education and health. By offering a diverse range of courses, you can choose to learn and understand it in depth or as a way of complementing your study in another area.

We have a range of courses that focus on psychology. These include bachelor degrees in Psychology or in Behavioural Science*, with pathways to masters degrees including Clinical Psychology. Flexible degree structures in Arts and Science can also make it possible to major in Psychology as part of a complementary, cross-discipline focus. Psychology can be taken as a major study area in many double (combined) degrees.

Many students use psychology as an important part of their skill set and work in a wide range of occupations and professions, such as counselling, marketing, business, advertising, criminal justice, education, public affairs, health services, human resources, and numerous other areas.

The University has an extensive program of innovative research in psychology, particularly in the areas of cognitive and clinical neuroscience, and more recently, in areas of applied psychology, including neuropsychology, health, developmental and community psychology, and psychology in legal settings.

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Studying Psychology

Who Studies Psychology?
People who are interested in people. Psychology students are typically interested in finding human solutions to often complex problems. These can involve simple human interaction, individual behaviours or social phenomena. Psychologists are problem-solvers who enjoy finding a balance between rational and emotional responses.

Psychology can be used to solve practical problems in all sorts of situations and careers, so it is a vital tool for good leaders and decision-makers. The skills and knowledge that you can gain during your studies in psychology – understanding human behaviour, skills in research methods, reporting and communication – can be applied to a wide range of careers.

Career opportunities
A qualification based on or with psychology can provide excellent skills for many graduate positions or provide the type of specialist knowledge to pursue a focused career. A few possibilities include:
- Counselling
- Psychology
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing and market research
- Employment and training services
- Teaching
- Community health and welfare
- Health services support, e.g. Drug and alcohol, cancer, disability, rehabilitation
- Probation and parole services
- Aged, family and child services
- Policy and planning
- Research careers
- Social work

Professional recognition
Both the four-year Bachelor of Psychology and the three-year Bachelor of Behavioural Science* are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) – which means they can offer you a pathway to becoming a Registered Psychologist through postgraduate professional training in psychology, and professional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.

To be a Registered Psychologist
Registered Psychologists can work in clinical psychology, child and adolescent services, clinical neuropsychology, educational guidance, sport and exercise psychology, disability and rehabilitation services, forensic psychology, the defence forces and organisational psychology.

To become a Registered Psychologist you need to complete four years of undergraduate study followed by two years of postgraduate study, or one year of postgraduate study plus one year of supervised practicum.

We offer postgraduate training in clinical psychology at masters and doctoral levels. These programs consist of coursework, supervised practice in clinical psychology, and a research thesis.

Your study opportunities

Degrees: Major and Minor (specialist) studies
Studying a particular area of interest can focus your learning, research and communication skills.

A single degree usually takes three years to finish and requires the successful completion of 24 units.

Your major area of study represents eight of these units (two introductory, two intermediate, four advanced units).

You can complement this knowledge with a minor area of study. This is made up of four units (two introductory, two intermediate).

A Psychology sequence of 12 units (major plus minor) is required to progress to a fourth honours year and postgraduate study in Psychology.

At our University, you can further diversify, and improve your career options, by taking up capacity study units in another field of study from another faculty, like Business. Or even do a double major.

Most students select one major (eight units), one minor (four units), degree electives (four introductory units) and student electives or a second major (eight units).

Depending on your chosen course, you may be able to combine learning on and off campus, or study part-time or online. Flexible study options can make it easy to fit study around your work and life commitments.

Double or Combined degrees
Double degrees are pretty much exactly how they sound. A double degree merges the core requirements of two different degrees. This lets you graduate with the equivalent of two degrees faster than it would take to do two separate degrees.

Double degrees can give you greater depth of knowledge in more than one area. This gives you more career options.

Double degrees offer greater depth and diversity of subject choices.

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If you’re academically capable and want to challenge yourself, a double degree is an ideal way to get the most from your time at university.

Whether you gain your Psychology major through Arts, Behavioural Science* or Science, your degree can also be combined with bachelor degrees across a broad range of disciplines.

**Honours**

Honours can help you gain deeper knowledge in your specialist area. An additional Honours year can mean you start your career higher up the ladder and progress in your career faster.

It can also lead to postgraduate study and a career in scientific research or academia.

**Alternative Pathways**

If you do not qualify for direct admission to the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) degree there is another way. Study a Bachelor of Behavioural Science*, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science with a Psychology major.

Students studying Behavioural Science*, Arts or Science degrees and taking Psychology and Behavioural Science* majors, may apply for intake into third year of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), based on academic merit in first and second years of the majors.

If you don’t have the prerequisites for direct entry into an Arts, Behavioural Science or Science degree, an alternative entry pathway helps you get the qualifications you need to get into the course you want.

One choice is a Bachelor of General Studies – Foundation Year Pathway. Designed for mature age students returning to study, VET graduates or students with low ATAR, the course gives you achievement at introductory level in at least two degree units.

The learning experience at our University goes beyond lectures and tutorials. Guest lecturers give you a chance to learn from working professionals from all areas of business, commerce and government.

**The University Psychology Clinic (UPC)**

The UPC provides free specialist clinical psychology services to the community, and has done so for over 20 years.

As well as being a training and teaching clinic for provisionally registered psychologists, the UPC gives postgraduate psychology students the opportunity to gain practical experience.

These are graduates of our four-year undergraduate program now undertaking their postgraduate training in clinical psychology. They provide assessment and evidence-based therapy for children, adolescents and adults, under the supervision of highly experienced clinical supervisors.

All sessions are video-recorded for review with supervisors to ensure the best possible services for clients attending the Clinic.

**Scholarships**

Each year, the University offers more than 900 awards, across all academic areas. The awards are based on merit and equity and reward excellence and improve access for new or continuing students. Application details and selection criteria for each award are clearly noted for each award on our website and within the online application.

**Study Abroad Scholarships**

The University actively encourages our students to extend their learning opportunities by undertaking international study exchange.

To facilitate this, we offer a range of scholarships and financial assistance.

See: utas.edu.au/scholarships-bursaries

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Course information

Psychology or Behavioural Science?

There are two main options for people looking at a career in psychology.

If you want to become a Clinical Psychologist or want to apply psychology as a career you will need either a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) or a Behavioural Science degree with Honours. These four courses give you the knowledge and skills needed for provisional registration as a Psychologist. Year 4 is an honours year.

If you’re considering psychology for a wider vocational application, the three year Bachelor of Behavioural Science* is an ideal course. It has a lower ATAR entry requirement but, based on your academic results in your psychology majors, still provide a pathway into the honours year and masters-level study in psychology.

Behavioural Science*

**Bachelor of Behavioural Science**

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This course helps you understand the science behind human behaviour – and how we can use this science to solve practical problems. In this three-year degree, you will study a major in Psychology taught by academics with specialist knowledge in areas including psychology and law, substance use and abuse, the neuroscience of trauma and anxiety disorders, psychological resilience, modifying health behaviours and the psychology of language. You’ll get to choose from a range of majors and minors, tailoring the degree to suit your interests and career aspirations.

Additional prerequisites

While there are no specific prerequisites to study for most first year units, if you want to study Health or Science in Year 1, you may need to have completed pre-tertiary maths or science.

Professional recognition

This course is accredited as a three-year sequence of study in Psychology by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council.

Counselling

All Psychology-based degrees are ideal grounding for a career in counselling. The Bachelor of Psychology with Honours, the Bachelor of Behavioural Science* and the Bachelor of Social Work offer excellent background knowledge. If you’re aiming for a counselling career in a specific area, Psychology may also be taken as an Arts minor to complement study in a specific area.

Criminology

The Behavioural Science* degree provides excellent grounding for a career in Criminology. You can take Psychology or Behavioural Science* as a major course of study and minor or major in Criminology. If you wish to take Criminology as a major (with a minor in Psychology or Behavioural Science*), please see ours Arts brochure for details.

Child Welfare

Child welfare can be studied as part of the Bachelor of Social Work. The Bachelor of Behavioural Science* can also provide a pathway into this challenging and rewarding career.

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*Year 1 only.
Psychology

You can take Psychology as a major or minor in Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Science and Bachelor of Science courses. These degrees give you career options across an incredibly broad range of fields from public affairs to marketing to health services.

Please see the Arts and Social Sciences brochures for details on these courses or visit utas.edu.au/courses

To become a registered psychologist you first need to do the four-year Bachelor of Psychology with Honours or take a Psychology major with Honours as part of a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Behavioural Science* or a Bachelor of Science.

After graduating, you then need to do a two-year Internship Pathway or a combination of one year Internship Pathway plus a Master of Professional Psychology or an APAC accredited postgraduate professional psychology degree such as a Master of Psychology (Clinical).

Bachelor of Psychology with Honours

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This four-year degree will give you specialist skills in psychology and human behaviour. You emerge with a thorough education in the scientific discipline of psychology and the applications of psychology.

You will also acquire the knowledge and skills to become a provisionally registered psychologist.

Advanced theoretical level study in core areas and applied topics in psychology, together with advanced research training, is undertaken in the fourth year of the program.

Additional prerequisites

There are no specific prerequisite subjects for most units. Some Health and Science first year units may require pre-tertiary studies in mathematics and science.

Professional recognition

The program is accredited as a four-year sequence of study in psychology by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). Graduates will be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia, with eligibility for full registration following two years of appropriate supervised experience or postgraduate training.

Graduates will be eligible for membership of the Australian Psychological Society on completion of an accredited two-year postgraduate program in psychology.

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*July entry only.
Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work

Duration
Two years full-time or equivalent part-time

Prerequisites
Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*

Entry
February

Location
Hobart, Launceston, Cradle Coast

Course code
13L

2015 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR
N/A

Additional prerequisites
Two years’ study in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Science or equivalent with units involving study of the individual or society.
OR
Three-year undergraduate degree with units involving study of the individual or society.
PLUS
Desirable: units in Aboriginal Studies.

Area of study
You will complete twelve academic units which include two fieldwork placements (Practicum 1 & 2).

Career opportunities
– Child welfare officer
– Corrections officer
– Counsellor
– Manager of human services
– Social worker
– Women’s and youth services officer

Professional recognition
The Bachelor of Social Work is the only undergraduate course in Tasmania which leads to accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Alternative pathway
An alternative pathway to professional qualification is available through postgraduate study. See Master of Social Work in utas.edu.au/courses

Our Social Work degree gives you the chance to make a real difference in the community.

Your career options as social worker in Australia are diverse, but at the heart of it all, you will contribute to defending human rights and social justice. By completing your degree you’ll be equipped with an understanding of social problems and social services, as well as the skills to provide assistance to people in your community.

Social work is part of a growing service industry with graduates working across local, state and federal government departments, in private and non-government human services organisations and in various advocacy, policymaking and tribunal capacities.

A professional qualification in Social Work is a nationally-accredited qualification, which opens the door for graduates to work in Australia and overseas. Students learn a foundation of Social Work principles, research and theory, complemented by two professionally supervised fieldwork placements.

For each of the two years of study, students undertake one semester of academic study in Social Work Theory and Context and one semester of practical field placement.

*General Entry Requirements are briefly outlined in the “How to apply” section. Visit utas.edu.au/admissions for further details.
Financial matters

When you commence study with the University of Tasmania in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP), you must contribute towards the cost of your tuition. The amount you pay depends on which units you study and the payment method you choose.

Student contribution amounts and rules

To be eligible for a CSP you must be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or hold an Australian Permanent Resident Visa.

The student contribution is calculated based on the units of study that you enrol in. Each unit is assigned to a ‘band’ according to the subject area it comes from. The band tells us how much to charge for one Equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL), equivalent to 100 credit points, or 100% load.

Most units at the University of Tasmania are 12.5 credit points (0.125 EFTSL), so to calculate the cost of a unit we multiply the contribution amount for that designated band by 0.125. For example, the student contribution amount for a 12.5 credit point Nursing unit of study would be $6152 × 0.125 = $769.

A typical three-year degree is made up of 24 units.

HECS-HELP

The majority of university students across Australia choose to defer their student contribution until after they have commenced in the workforce. You can do this by taking out a HECS-HELP loan. HECS-HELP is available to eligible students enrolled in a CSP. This loan can cover all or part of the student contribution amount. You are eligible for HECS-HELP if you are a Commonwealth supported student and an Australian citizen or the holder of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa.

Under this option, the Commonwealth Government pays the loan amount directly to the University of Tasmania. Then, when your salary reaches the minimum repayment threshold, you will make compulsory repayments through the tax system.

To learn more, visit studyassist.gov.au

2015 student contribution by band

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Nursing* Education* Humanities Social Studies Behavioural Science* Clinical Psychology Foreign Languages Visual & Performing Arts

Mathematics* Statistics* Science* Computing Built Environment Other Health Allied Health Engineering Surveying Agriculture AMC

Law Accounting Administration Economics Business/Commerce Dentistry Medicine Veterinary Science

*The student contribution amounts for mathematics, statistics and science are subject to passage of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measure Bill 2012).

1. For pre-2010 students, the maximum annual student contribution amount that may be charged for Education and Nursing units is $4696.

2. From 1 January 2010, the maximum annual student contribution amount for commencing Commonwealth supported students undertaking Education and Nursing units of study has been increased from the ‘national priority’ rate to the Band 1 rate.

3. The increased maximum annual student contribution amounts affect only students who commence their course of study at a higher education provider on or after 1 January 2010.

4. If you are a mathematics, science, education, nursing or midwifery graduate you may be eligible for a HECS-HELP Benefit.

5. This table is a guide only. Fees are reviewed each year by the Commonwealth Government and may vary.

Other costs

Students are required to pay a student services and amenities fee (SSAF). In 2015, the fee is around $340 for a full-time undergraduate student.

Part-time students are charged on a pro-rata of study load undertaken. Students who are unable to pay the fee up-front can defer all or part of the fee through an element of the Higher Education Loan Program, known as SA-HELP.

The fee contributes to funding student services such as legal and health services, counselling, and sport and recreation activities.

You will also need to cover costs such as textbooks, materials, art supplies or software for your course. These costs can vary from course to course.

Accommodation and general living expenses will also vary depending on your chosen living arrangements.

To learn more about accommodation options, visit utas.edu.au/accommodation

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How to apply

Applications should be made directly to the University of Tasmania.

Year 12 applicants
For Year 12 students, applications for Semester 1 should be submitted electronically via the University’s online application process.

The ‘timely’ application period opens in August and closes in the last week of September. Late applications will be accepted by the University, but some programs that have special requirements will not accept late applications.

Changing your preference
You can change your original ‘timely’ application course preferences during the Change of Preference period in December. This allows you to modify your course selection depending on your results from your final examinations.

Learn more by visiting utas.edu.au/apply

Non-school leaver (mature aged) applicants
If you are not a Year 12 student, you apply directly to the University via the online application process. As a non-year 12 student your application will be considered on a broad range of factors, including previous studies, work experience and any extra requirements specified for the course.

To meet the General Entry Requirements (GER) into an undergraduate degree, at least one of the following must be completed:

- Year 12
- Certificate IV, diploma or advanced diploma and/or
- Successful completion of a University enabling program
- Personal competency statement demonstrating how work experience or background meets the University’s General Entry Requirements

Particular degrees may also require you to sit a Special Tertiary Admissions Test.

Visit utas.edu.au/courses or utas.edu.au/apply for further details.
# Quick reference guide

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KEY DATES

30 August 2015
University of Tasmania Open Day

Year-round availability
One-on-one course adviser appointments

FURTHER INFORMATION

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