

## Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (BPSH) - BPsych (Hons)

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Springfield campus: 926802

CRICOS code (International applicants): 062647C

	On-campus#
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Campus:</b>	Springfield
<b>Fees:</b>	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time maximum

### Footnotes

# Semester 3 intake students will only be able to study two courses via distance education.

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### Program focus

The program focuses on producing graduates who are eligible to work as psychologists. This is achieved through the scientific study of the processes by which human behaviour is developed, manifested and modified. In addition to the developing the knowledge base of the discipline, the program places a heavy emphasis upon developing research and professional skills at all levels of the curriculum. Students are involved in research projects in a developmental fashion in all years of their study, working in both group and individual research projects. Professional and work-readiness skills are developed both internally through professional skills courses and externally through participation in Work Integrated Learning activities where students work with psychologists and other professionals working in community or government organisations.

This program is similar to the Bachelor of Science (Psychology) and Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Psychology) in many respects. This program has more of a community and professional focus, and students who are accepted into the program do not have to compete for entry into an Honours program, provided that appropriate levels of academic performance are maintained through the first three years of study.

### Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) is fully accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council](#) as a four-year sequence of study.

## Program aims

The program aims to produce graduates who possess the qualities outlined in the USQ Graduate Attributes, who have developed a strong knowledge base in the discipline, who are proficient researchers, who possess the professional competencies expected of graduates by the Psychologist Board of Australia and the [Australian Psychological Society](#) and who are able to actively contribute to the welfare of the community at large.

## Program objectives

Successful completion of the program will enable graduates to:

- demonstrate a sound understanding of the scope and focus of the major fields in contemporary Psychology
- demonstrate high levels of proficiency in research and specific methodology including research planning and implementation, analysis, interpretation and evaluation of research results, and the presentation and communication of research findings
- demonstrate awareness of a wide range of research methods and the ethical and social responsibilities of a practising scientist
- enhance the psychological wellbeing of clients by applying the professional skills in assessment, counselling, evaluation and intervention with a high degree of proficiency
- interact ethically with their clients.

## Admission requirements

Domestic applicants who have obtained an exit level of sound achievement after four semesters in English in their Senior High School studies and who have demonstrated high levels of achievement will be considered for a place in the program. Please consult the QTAC handbook for alternative means of meeting these requirements.

International students will need to satisfy standard entry requirements into USQ bachelor degrees. In addition their secondary or tertiary academic history must be such that they are likely to be able to achieve and maintain high levels of performance in the program.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#).

## How to apply

### Domestic students

[Application for undergraduate programs](#) may be made through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The same procedure applies whether you plan to study on-campus or by distance education.

If you completed Year 12 at a Queensland secondary school you will be assessed for entry on the basis of your Overall Position (OP) or equivalent score. Year 12 students from other states or territories are considered for entry on the basis of their UAI, ENTER or TER and the subject prerequisites indicated. Other applicants will be based on their overall Rank.

### International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

### International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

### Program structure

The Program entails four years of full-time study, during which time the student will complete 32 units, comprising compulsory psychology, and statistics courses.

### Requirements to Complete the Program

To qualify for the award of Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) a candidate must complete or be exempted from courses with a total value of at least 32 units within eight years of first admission to the program.

### Standard enrolment pattern - Semester 1 start

<b>Year 1: Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
<a href="#">PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A*</a>	<a href="#">PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B</a>	<i>OR</i> <a href="#">PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A*</a>
<a href="#">PSY1101 Critical Thinking</a>	<a href="#">PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology*</a>	<i>OR</i> <a href="#">PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology*</a>
<a href="#">PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills</a>	<a href="#">STA2300 Data Analysis*</a>	<i>OR</i> <a href="#">STA2300 Data Analysis*</a>
<a href="#">PSY1104 Psychological Skills A</a>	<a href="#">PSY1105 Psychological Skills B</a>	
<b>Year 2: Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
<a href="#">PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour</a>	<a href="#">PSY2030 Developmental Psychology</a>	<i>OR</i> <i>Psychology Elective 1*</i>
<a href="#">PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion</a>	<a href="#">PSY2040 Human Information Processing</a>	<i>OR</i> <i>Psychology Elective 2*</i>
<a href="#">PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A</a>	<a href="#">PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B</a>	
<a href="#">PSY2104 Psychological Skills C</a>	<a href="#">PSY2105 Psychological Skills D</a>	
<b>Year 3: Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
<a href="#">PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour</a>	<a href="#">PSY3050 Counselling Psychology</a>	
<a href="#">PSY3030 Abnormal Behaviour</a>	<a href="#">PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation</a>	
<i>Psychology Elective 1*</i>	<i>Psychology Elective 2*</i>	
<a href="#">PSY3104 Psychological Skills E</a>	<a href="#">PSY3105 Psychological Skills F</a>	
<b>Year 4: Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
<a href="#">PSY4001 Psychology Honours Project 1</a>	<a href="#">PSY4002 Psychology Honours Project 2</a>	
<a href="#">PSY4111 Multivariate Analysis</a>	<a href="#">PSY4070 Advanced Assessment</a>	

PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice	PSY4065 Positive Psychology: Theory and Application	
PSY4030 Skills and Issues in Counselling		

#### Footnotes

\* Option to load spread into S3 or different year available. Otherwise courses are recommended to be undertaken within the year and semester indicated.

#### Standard enrolment pattern - Semester 2 start

	Pre-Year 1: Semester 2	Semester 3
	PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	ORPSY1010 Foundation Psychology A*
	PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology*	ORPSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology*
	STA2300 Data Analysis*	ORSTA2300 Data Analysis*
Year 1: Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A*	PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	
PSY1101 Critical Thinking	PSY2040 Human Information Processing	
PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills	PSY1105 Psychological Skills B	
PSY1104 Psychological Skills A		
Year 2: Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour	Psychology Elective 1*	OR Psychology Elective 1*
PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion	Psychology Elective 2*	OR Psychology Elective 2*
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	
PSY2104 Psychological Skills C	PSY2105 Psychological Skills D	
Year 3: Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	PSY3050 Counselling Psychology	
PSY3030 Abnormal Behaviour	PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation	
PSY3104 Psychological Skills E	PSY3105 Psychological Skills F	
OR Psychology Elective 1*	OR Psychology Elective 2*	
Year 4: Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
PSY4001 Psychology Honours Project 1	PSY4002 Psychology Honours Project 2	
PSY4111 Multivariate Analysis	PSY4070 Advanced Assessment	
PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice	PSY4065 Positive Psychology: Theory and Application	
PSY4030 Skills and Issues in Counselling		

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**All courses coded PSY1\*\*\* and PSY2\*\*\* should be completed before commencing PSY3\*\*\* courses, with the exception of PSY2050 and PSY3111.**

#### Prerequisite list

Course	Prerequisite
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	
PSY1101 Critical Thinking	Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BPSB. Students enrolled in other degrees may be permitted to enrol in this course with the examiner's approval.
PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills	Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BPSB. Students enrolled in other degrees may be permitted to enrol in this course with the examiner's approval.
PSY1104 Psychological Skills A	Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	
PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology	
STA2300 Data Analysis	
PSY1105 Psychological Skills B	Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour	PSY1010
PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion	PSY1010
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	PSY1010 and STA2300
PSY2104 Psychological Skills C	Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	PSY1010
PSY2040 Human Information Processing	PSY1010 and (PSY2100 or STA2300)
PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	PSY2100
PSY2105 Psychological Skills D	PSY2104 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	PSY2100
PSY3030 Abnormal Behaviour	PSY2020
PSY3104 Psychological Skills E	PSY2105 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY3050 Counselling Psychology	PSY2020
PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation	
PSY3105 Psychological Skills F	PSY3104 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH

### Psychology Elective Courses

Course	Prerequisite	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied	
PSY3730 Industrial and Organisational Psychology	PSY2010	Yr 3	S1
PSY3080 Human Factors	PSY1010 and PSY1020 and (PSY2100 or STA2300)	Yr 3	S1
PSY3110 Clinical Health Psychology	PSY3030	Yr 3	S2
PSY3250 Sport Psychology	PSY1010	Yr 3	S2

<a href="#">PSY3101 Career Assessment and Development</a>	<a href="#">PSY2010</a>	Yr 3	S3
<a href="#">PSY3120 History and Systems of Psychology</a>	<a href="#">PSY1010</a> and <a href="#">PSY1020</a>	Yr 3	S3

## Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 8 years to complete this program.

## IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [Recommended Hardware](#) and [Recommended Software](#) sites to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

## Exit points

Those students who fail to maintain an average GPA of 5.0 in their psychology courses across levels 1 to 3, will be exited from the degree. Those students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Psychology [BSc (Psychology)].

## Honours

Students who maintain an average GPA of 5.0 in their psychology courses across levels 1 to 3 will be permitted to continue their studies towards an Honours award. The class of honours to be awarded to a student is dependent upon the GPA calculated from the grades achieved in all 4th level courses. The criteria for awarding the different level of honours will be identical to those used in the Psychology major of the Bachelor of Science (Honours).

## Recommended enrolment pattern

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
<b>Year 1</b>							
<a href="#">PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A</a>	1	1					
<a href="#">PSY1101 Critical Thinking</a>	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BPSB. Students enrolled in other degrees may be permitted to enrol in this course with the examiner's approval.
<a href="#">PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills</a>	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BPSB. Students enrolled in other degrees may be permitted to enrol in this course with the examiner's approval.
<a href="#">PSY1104 Psychological Skills A</a>	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
<a href="#">PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B</a>	1	2					
<a href="#">PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology</a>	1	2					
<a href="#">STA2300 Data Analysis</a>	1	2					
<a href="#">PSY1105 Psychological Skills B</a>	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
<b>Year 2</b>							
<a href="#">PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour</a>	2	1					Pre-requisite: <a href="#">PSY1010</a>
<a href="#">PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion</a>	2	1					Pre-requisite: <a href="#">PSY1010</a>
<a href="#">PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A</a>	2	1					Pre-requisite: ( <a href="#">PSY1010</a> and <a href="#">STA2300</a> and Students must be enrolled in Program BSCI

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
							with a major of Psychology or enrolled in Program BPSH) or (PSY1010 and STA3100 and Students must be enrolled in Program BSSC with a major of BES)
PSY2104 Psychological Skills C	2	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2040 Human Information Processing	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY1020 and (PSY2100 or STA2300)
PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY2100
PSY2105 Psychological Skills D	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY2104 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
<b>Year 3</b>							
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	3	1					Pre-requisite: PSY2100
Psychology Elective	3	1					
PSY3030 Abnormal Behaviour	3	1					Pre-requisite: PSY2020
PSY3104 Psychological Skills E	3	1					Pre-requisite: PSY2105 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
PSY3050 Counselling Psychology	3	2					Pre-requisite: PSY2020
PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation	3	2					
Psychology Elective	3	2					
PSY3105 Psychological Skills F	3	2					Pre-requisite: PSY3104 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSH
<b>Year 4</b>							
PSY4001 Psychology Honours Project 1+	4	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH in Psychology major (12302) or BPSH Co-requisite: PSY4111
PSY4111 Multivariate Analysis	4	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BSCH in Psychology major (12302)
PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice	4	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program BSCH in Psychology major (12302) or Program BPSH
PSY4030 Skills and Issues in Counselling	4	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program BSCH in Psychology major (12302) or Program BPSH
PSY4002 Psychology Honours Project 2+	4	2					Pre-requisite: PSY4001 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH in Psychology major (12302) or BPSH
PSY4070 Advanced Assessment	4	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program BSCH in Psychology major (12302) or Program BPSH
PSY4065 Positive Psychology: Theory and Application	4	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BSCH
<b>Psychology Electives</b>							
PSY3730 Industrial and Organisational Psychology	3	1					Pre-requisite: PSY2010
PSY3110 Clinical Health Psychology	3	2					Pre-requisite: PSY3030
PSY3080 Human Factors*			3	1			Pre-requisite: PSY1010 and PSY1020 and (STA2300 or PSY2100)
PSY3250 Sport Psychology*			3	2			Pre-requisite: PSY1010

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.  
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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
<a href="#">PSY3120 History and Systems of Psychology*</a>			3	3			Pre-requisite: <a href="#">PSY1010</a> and <a href="#">PSY1020</a>
<a href="#">PSY3101 Career Assessment and Development*</a>			3	3			Pre-requisite: <a href="#">PSY2010</a>

**Footnotes**

+ PSY4001 and PSY4002 are each worth 1.5 units.

\* This course must be taken as a distance student.