

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

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): External: 906805; Ipswich campus: 936802

CRICOS code (International applicants): 062647C

	On-campus [^] @	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Ipswich	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time	

Footnotes

[^] The Semester 2 intake is not suitable for international students who wish to study full-time on-campus.

@ Semester 2 intake students will need to complete the program over 4.5 years full-time or 9 years part-time.

Contact us

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Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) is fully accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council](#) as a four-year sequence of study. Graduates are eligible to apply for provisional registration as a Psychologist with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#). Those who complete the four-year Honours program may also be eligible to go on to complete further studies at the Masters level with the aim of gaining specialist registration (e.g., clinical psychologist).

Graduates are also eligible to apply to the Australian Psychological Society for Associate Membership.

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 Psychology 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

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), students should be able to:

- systematically apply advanced knowledge and concepts to the major fields in contemporary psychology.
- use specific methodology to independently plan, implement, analyse, interpret and evaluate research findings and coherently communicate findings to a wide audience.

- apply psychological knowledge, and skills to explain, predict and influence human behaviour to meet individual, professional and societal needs.
- apply professional skills in assessment, counselling, evaluation and intervention with a high degree of proficiency to enhance the psychological wellbeing of clients.
- articulate and apply Indigenous cultural competence knowledge and skills in diverse situations.
- demonstrate integrity, ethical conduct, accountability, respect and awareness of professional practices and cultural norms with a range of diverse clients.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **68.25**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- [Assumed knowledge](#) expectations: English.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2021 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practicum experience is an integral component of two recommended electives in the program. Students taking these courses will undertake 100 hours of placement in each course.

Mandatory Documents required prior to commencing [PSY4080 Psychology Complementary Studies A](#) or [PSY4090 Psychology Complementary Studies B](#) in the program:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- Resume

Students must also provide the following evidence prior to commencing clinical placements with Queensland Health:

- Hepatitis B Immunisation
- Queensland Health Student Orientation Checklist
- Queensland Health Student Deed Poll
- Queensland Health iLearn Modules

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

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

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students 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 26 compulsory psychology, and statistics courses (28 units) and 4 elective courses (4 units).

Requirements to complete the program

Admission into the 4th year of the program is contingent upon students having completed the first 3 years of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) program as well as maintaining an average Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 in their psychology courses across levels 1 to 3. For students who fail to meet these requirements please refer to the Exit Point section. 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 10 years of first admission to the program.

Core courses:

	TWB	SPR	IPS	EXT	ONL
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	1		1		1,3

PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	2		2		1,2
PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology	2		2		2,3
PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills			1		1
PSY1104 Psychological Skills A			1		1
PSY1105 Psychological Skills B			2		2
PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour	1		1		1
PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion	1		1		1
PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	2		2		2
PSY2040 Human Information Processing	2		2		2
PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation			2		2
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	1		1		1
PSY2104 Psychological Skills C			1		1
PSY2105 Psychological Skills D			2		2
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	1		1		1
PSY3030 Abnormal Psychology	1		1		1
PSY3050 Counselling Psychology	2		2		2
PSY3060 Learning and Behaviour Change	1		1		1
PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	2		2		2
PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice			1		1
PSY4040 Psychological Interventions			2		2
PSY4070 Assessment and Interview Skills			2		2
PSY4101 Psychology Honours Project A ⁺			1,2		1,2
PSY4102 Psychology Honours Project B ^{*+}			1,2		1,2
PSY4111 Advanced Research Approaches			1		1
STA1003 Fundamental Statistics	1,2	2			1,2,3

Footnotes

+ two unit course

* Not available on-campus at Ipswich in Semester 1, 2021

Elective Courses (recommendations):

The table of elective courses below are psychology-related recommendations only and are available in online mode. Students may take any single USQ elective course that is of interest to their future career. As four (4) approved courses must be completed, students may wish to undertake a minor (refer to Minor Studies in the USQ Handbook).

	TWB	SPR	IPS	EXT	ONL
PSY1101 Critical Thinking					3
PSY4080 Psychology Complementary Studies A [#]				1	
PSY4090 Psychology Complementary Studies B [#]				2	
PSY3110 Clinical Health Psychology					2
PSY3250 Sport and Exercise Psychology					2
PSY3500 Personality Theory [^]					3

PSY3730 Industrial and Organisational Psychology						1
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Footnotes

- # This course has mandatory online workshops and mandatory placement requirements
^ This course will not be offered in Semester 3 2021.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 10 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) 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 not be permitted to enrol in the fourth year of the program and will be exited from the degree. Those students will graduate with a [BSCI Bachelor of Science](#) degree with a major in Psychology.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Honours

The level of honours awarded will be determined based on the USQ procedure. Please refer to the [Class of Honours Standard Schedule](#). Class of Honours will be calculated on Schedule A.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 1 entry

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

A part-time enrolment pattern is available. Students wanting to study part-time should contact the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences for this enrolment pattern.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Year 1 Semester 1							
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	1	1			1	1	
STA1003 Fundamental Statistics	1	1			1	1	Enrolment is not permitted in STA1003 if S TA2300 or STA8170 has been previously completed.
PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills	1	1			1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or B SCI (13815 Psychology) or BSCI (17582 Psychology Extended) or BPSB or BSEH
PSY1104 Psychological Skills A	1	1			1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or B SCI (13815 Psychology) or BSCI (17582 Psychology Extended) or BSCI (17327 Counselling)
Year 1 Semester 2							
PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	1	2			1	2	
PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology	1	2			1	2	
PSY1105 Psychological Skills B	1	2			1	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1104

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Elective	1	2			1	2	
Year 2 Semester 1							
PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010 and (STA2300 or STA1003). For students enrolled in Program BSSC with a major in BES: PSY1010 and STA3100
PSY2104 Psychological Skills C	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1105
Year 2 Semester 2							
PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2040 Human Information Processing	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1020 and (PSY2100 or STA2300 or STA1003)
PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY2100
PSY2105 Psychological Skills D	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY2104
Year 3 Semester 1							
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY2100
PSY3060 Learning and Behaviour Change	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1020
PSY3030 Abnormal Psychology	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
Elective	3	1			3	1	
Year 3 Semester 2							
PSY3050 Counselling Psychology	3	2			3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation	3	2			3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1102 for students enrolled in the BPSH and BPSB programs and CDS1001 or CDS1002 for students enrolled in the BSCI (Counselling) major. Students from other programs who wish to take this course will need permission from the examiner.
Elective	3	2			3	2	
Elective	3	2			3	2	
Year 4 Semester 1							
PSY4101 Psychology Honours Project A ⁺	4	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH
PSY4111 Advanced Research Approaches [*]	4	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice [*]	4	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
Year 4 Semester 2							
PSY4040 Psychological Interventions [*]	4	2			4	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
PSY4102 Psychology Honours Project B ^{+<}	4	2			4	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH
PSY4070 Assessment and Interview Skills [*]	4	2			4	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
<p>Electives (choose four):</p> <p>The table of elective courses below are psychology-related recommendations only and are only available in online mode. Students may take any single USQ elective course that is of interest to their future career. As four (4) approved courses, must be completed, students may wish to undertake a minor (refer to Minor Studies in the USQ Handbook).</p>							
PSY1101 Critical Thinking					1	3	
PSY4080 Psychology Complementary Studies A [#]			3	1			
PSY3730 Industrial and Organisational Psychology					3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY4090 Psychology Complementary Studies B [#]			3	2			
PSY3110 Clinical Health Psychology					3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY3030
PSY3250 Sport and Exercise Psychology					2 or 3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1010 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following programs: GDS1 or MSCN
PSY3500 Personality Theory ^{>}					2 or 3	3	

Footnotes

- + Two unit course.
- * Part-time students are advised that they should enrol in the following compulsory courses ([PSY4020](#), [PSY4040](#), [PSY4111](#) and [PSY4070](#)) in the first year of enrolment.
- < Not available on-campus at Ipswich in Semester 1, 2021
- # This course has mandatory placement requirements
- > This course will not be offered in Semester 3 2021.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 2 entry

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A part-time enrolment pattern is available. Students wanting to study part-time should contact the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences for this enrolment pattern.

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Year 1 Semester 2							
PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	1	2			1	2	
PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology	1	2			1	2	
Elective	1	2			1	2	
Year 2 Semester 1							
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	2	1			2	1,3	
PSY1102 Interpersonal Skills	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BSCI (13815 Psychology) or BSCI (17582 Psychology Extended) or BPSB or BSEH

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
PSY1104 Psychological Skills A	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BPSH or BSCI (13815 Psychology) or BSCI (17582 Psychology Extended) or BSCI (17327 Counselling)
STA1003 Fundamental Statistics	2	1			2	1,2,3	Enrolment is not permitted in STA1003 if STA2300 or STA8170 has been previously completed.
Year 2 Semester 2							
PSY1105 Psychological Skills B	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1104
PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2040 Human Information Processing	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1020 and (PSY2100 or STA2300 or STA1003)
Year 3 Semester 1							
PSY2010 Social Processes of Behaviour	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010 and (STA2300 or STA1003). For students enrolled in Program BSSC with a major in BES: PSY1010 and STA3100
PSY2104 Psychological Skills C	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1105
Year 3 Semester 2							
PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	3	2			3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY2100
PSY2105 Psychological Skills D	3	2			3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY2104
Elective	3	2			3	2	
Year 4 Semester 1							
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	4	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: PSY2100
PSY3030 Abnormal Psychology	4	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY3060 Learning and Behaviour Change	4	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1020
Elective	4	1			4	1	
Year 4 Semester 2							
PSY3050 Counselling Psychology	4	2			4	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY2050 Facilitation and Negotiation	4	2			4	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1102 for students enrolled in the BPSH and BPSB programs and CDS1001 or CDS1002 for students enrolled in the BSCI (Counselling) major. Students from other programs who wish to take this course will need permission from the examiner.
Elective	4	2			4	2	
Year 5 Semester 1							
PSY4101 Psychology Honours Project A⁺	5	1			5	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH
PSY4111 Advanced Research Approaches[*]	5	1			5	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice[*]	5	1			5	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psy

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	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
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Year 5 Semester 2							
PSY4040 Psychological Interventions *	5	2			5	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
PSY4102 Psychology Honours Project B +<	5	2			5	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH
PSY4070 Assessment and Interview Skills *	5	2			5	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
Electives (choose four):							
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PSY1101 Critical Thinking					1	3	
PSY4080 Psychology Complementary Studies A #			3	1			
PSY3730 Industrial and Organisational Psychology					3	1	Pre-requisite: PSY1010
PSY4090 Psychology Complementary Studies B #			3	2			
PSY3110 Clinical Health Psychology					3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY3030
PSY3250 Sport and Exercise Psychology					2 or 3	2	Pre-requisite: PSY1010 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following programs: GDS1 or MSCN
PSY3500 Personality Theory >					2 or 3	3	

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