

Different types of Masters Degrees offered in the School of Psychology

The School of Psychology offers 3 different degrees called *Masters*: MSc (Psychology) [*Also called Master of Science (Pass)*], MSc (Clinical), and Masters of Science (Research). But these are not all at the same level

(<http://www.uow.edu.au/health/psyc/courses/index.html> for details of all these courses).

MSc (Psychology) [sometimes called the ‘MSc (Pass)’](details:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/health/H09006805.html> & <http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@health/documents/doc/uow029112.pdf>) is a 4th year course in psychology and follows a 3 year BA or BSc with a Major in Psychology. It is one year long, includes course work and a research project.

It is suited to overseas students who will be familiar with a Masters qualification that consists of one year’s study after a bachelor’s degree, and that is the reason why the School of Psychology offers this degree. However, because of the naming rules of the Australian Psychological Association, which will only allow 5th & 6th year degrees to be called Masters, it is not accredited as a degree that leads to further psychology study in Australia. If a student wishes to go on to further psychology study in Australia he or she should apply for the one of the other, accredited 4th year options, the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology

<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/health/H09006805.html> & <http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@health/documents/doc/uow029113.pdf> , whose course work is almost identical to the masters, or the Honours in Psychology

(<http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@health/documents/doc/uow029111.pdf> & <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/health/H09006806.html>).

The MSc (Clinical) (details: <http://www.uow.edu.au/health/psyc/clinical/index.html>)

is two year masters degree and is a 5th and 6th year of study approved by the Australian Psychological Society as a training for clinical. It is accredited for full Registration as a Psychologist with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board, for Membership of the Australian Psychological Society, and for entry into the APS College of Clinical Psychologists. It consists of course work, clinical placements and a research project. To be eligible to apply for this course the student must have completed an approved 4 year programme of psychology. At Wollongong that is either the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology or the Honours in Psychology.

MSc (Research) (details:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/health/H09006773.html>) is two year masters degree by research and is an 5th and 6th year of study approved by the Australian Psychological Society. It is accredited for Registration as a Psychologist with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board, for Membership of the Australian Psychological Society, though further supervision is required for full registration. See <http://www.apac.psychology.org.au>. To be eligible for this degree the student must have completed an approved 4-year programme of psychology. At Wollongong that is either the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology or the Honours in Psychology.