
Undergraduate Pathways in Psychology

Psychology Major

- 72 cps
- PSYC121, PSYC122, PSYC123 (18 cps)
- PSYC231, PSYC234, PSYC236, PSYC241, and PSYC250 (30 cps)
- PSYC347
 - At least one of: PSYC345, PSYC349 or PSYC352
 - One other 300-level psychology subject
 - (24 cps)
- www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2012/ug/hbs/index.html

BA vs. BSc

- The requirements for the psychology major are identical for both these degrees; the difference is in the elective subjects which may be chosen to make up your degree
- In the BA, these may be selected from the Arts, HBS or General Schedule
- In the BSc, at least 90 credit points must be from HBS or Science; the remainder can be selected from the General Schedule

Psychology Honours Eligibility Strand

- 100-level: As for major (18 cps)
- 200-level: As for major, plus PSYC251 (36 cps)
- 300-level: as for major, plus PSYC348 and PSYC354 (40 cps)

- BPsync: Plus PSYC251 Add one extra 300-level elective psychology subject (48 cps)

Can I get into 4th year in the BA or BSc?

- Yes, if your marks are good enough.
 - Students from all degrees eligible for honours
- Is it better to be in the BPsyc?
- Not necessarily; BPsyc is our elite degree
 - Employer generally more interested in the quality of your marks.

BPsync

- Staying in: requires a 70 average at the completion of each year level of psychology subjects
- Transferring in: Transfers are considered at the end of each year; entry is competitive, and based on your average in psychology subjects.

To apply for a transfer into the BPsyc

- Email invitation to 200 level students in Sept/Oct
- Transfer mid year for 300 level students
- Complete the form available on the School of Psychology web page
- Enter your marks for psychology subjects so far, & submit form.

**100-level subjects in 2012 from the
general schedule with some
relevance to psychology**

Session 1

- PHIL107 - Values, Self and Knowledge (some students who have done this subject found it relevant to Psyc and interesting)
- ELL182 - Effective Written Communication (ESB) (for students of English speaking background. Teaches communication for different academic contexts)
- ELL152 - Effective Written Communication (NESB) (for students of Non-English speaking background. Teaches communication for different academic contexts)
- STS100 - Knowledge, Culture and Social Change: Science, Technology and Society (no final exam) (good framework for understanding current society, can be applied to psych)
- SOC103 - Introduction to Sociology (some students have done this and have found it interesting and relevant)
- BIOL104 - Evolution, Biodiversity and Environment (has some general relevance as evolutionary principles are increasingly being applied to psychologically functions)
- BIOL105 – Functional Biology of Animals and Plants (basic biology potentially relevant to the biological basis of psychological function)
- SHS110 - Human Growth Nutrition and Exercise (some aspects related to neural function can be relevant)



Session 2

- PHIL151 - Practical Reasoning (very good subject for improving clear thinking skills, constructing valid arguments, organizing essays etc.)
- ELL151 - Effective Spoken Communication (NESB) (the second part of ELL152 - both subjects may contain both written and oral skills training)
- EESC104 - The Human Environment - Problems and Change (interesting perspectives and relevant to psych)
- SCIE101 - Modern Perspectives on Science (no final exam) (interesting intro to science which can be applied to psych)
- STS112 - The Scientific Revolution (take home final exam) (good background for psych when considering psych as a science)
- MACS120 - The Culture of Everyday Life (no final exam) (relevant to understanding some of the reasons people act as they do)
- SOC104 - Media and Society (take home final exam) (interesting perspective on various influences on people)
- BIOL103 – Molecules, Cells and Organisms (covers introductory genetics which can be relevant to psychology)

