



Psychology Honours year – Internal Applicants

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Who is the intended audience of this document?

This information is intended for internal applicants to the UNSW Honours year in Psychology – UNSW students who will complete an APAC-accredited undergraduate three-year (or bridging) sequence¹ in psychology at UNSW at any point during 2023.

All other applicants (including UNSW graduates who completed in 2022 or earlier) are considered external applicants. External applicants should refer [here](#) for information about how to apply.

Honours year in Psychology is to enable students who have performed well at undergraduate level to deepen their knowledge of approaches, perspectives and traditions in psychology and undertake a significant research project. Honours is a means for connecting undergraduate study with supervised independent research by consolidating and extending work completed in the undergraduate program and providing an academic foundation for students continuing on to a Masters by coursework, a Masters by research, or a PhD.

Honours is a one-year, full-time program available for commencement

¹ A three-year sequence at UNSW can be completed within a single or dual Bachelor degree comprising a (minimum) 78 Unit of Credit major in psychology. A bridging sequence at UNSW is taken as a Graduate Diploma in Psychology.

² Adjustments were made in 2020 and 2021 to accommodate remote study as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students may undertake the Honours year in a variety of ways, as outlined below (program codes in square brackets). Honours content is identical regardless of the program code. Dual degree students should consult with their [Program Authority](#) about the recommended program structure (i.e., when the Honours year can/should be taken, as dictated by the program structure).

Embedded fourth year of a single degree program

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) [3632]

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) [3962]

Embedded fourth (or later) year of a dual degree program

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Core and elective coursework (2-hour core lecture, 1-hour core tute, 2-hour elective seminar)	Core and elective coursework (2-hour core lecture, 1-hour core tute, 2-hour elective seminar)	Continuation of research
Research proposal and panel meeting	Continuation of research	Submission of thesis
Weekly independent study (approx.. 30 hours)	Weekly independent study (approx.. 30 hours)	Honours Conference presentation

Eligibility for the Honours year

The number of places available for Honours varies from year to year. Admission is competitive and depends both on a student's academic performance (*Psychology Average*) and the availability of School resources. A *Psychology Average* of 75 is the minimum eligibility requirement but does not guarantee a place.

An undergraduate sequence in psychology at UNSW is a Bachelor degree with a psychology major of at least 78 Units of Credit (UOC). A 78 UOC psychology major comprises 10 core courses and three Level 3 elective courses. The BPsych(Hons) has a psychology major of 96 UOC comprising 11 core courses and five Level 3 elective courses.

A bridging sequence in psychology at UNSW is a Graduate Diploma in Psychology comprising 10 core courses.

	Stage 1 core	Stage 2 core	Stage 3 core	Level 3 PSYC electives
All other Bachelor programs	1001, 1011, 1111	2001, 2061, 2071, 2081, 2101	3001, 3011	1 x L3 List A 1 x L3 List B 1 x L3 List A OR B
BPsych(Hons)	1001, 1011, 1021, 1111	2001, 2061, 2071, 2081, 2101	3001, 3011	2 x L3 List A 2 x L3 List B 1 x L3 List A OR B
Graduate Diploma	PSYC5001, PSYC5002, PSYC5003, PSYC5004, PSYC5005 PSYC5006, PSYC5007, PSYC5008 PSYC5009, PSYC5010			

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statistical methods for analysing data from non-experimental designs, and experimental designs with multiple dependent measures.

Together, these two courses provide a solid foundation for analysing data for different types of Honours projects. PSYC3371 is listed as a Level 3 List A PSYC elective, but can be taken as a List B elective

applicants are not the same as for internal applicants. Places for external applicants, if any, are subject to the availability of appropriate research and supervision resources and will be assessed on the basis of academic merit. Information about applying as an external applicant can be found [here](#).

Category B (as defined by the [Faculty of Science](#))

Eligible single degree students are expected to undertake Honours directly after completion of the pass components (Stages 1 to 3) of their embedded degree. Eligible dual degree students may or may not undertake Honours (if eligible)

