Fourth Year Electives

Semester 1

**Course Code:** PSYC4171  
**Course Title:** Personnel Assessment  
**Course Coordinator:** To be confirmed

**Course Description:** This course is concerned with the effective recruitment, selection, and assessment of employees. Recruitment strategies are evaluated and considered from the perspective of both the organisation and the individual. Selection techniques are discussed in relation to issues of job relevancy, reliability, validity, fairness, applicability and cost. Performance appraisal systems are also examined as one mechanism for establishing whether recruitment and selection procedures have been effective. Students will develop an understanding of the literature on personnel assessment and also personnel assessment skills.

**Course Code:** PSYC4181  
**Course Title:** Applied Social Psychology  
**Course Coordinator:** Associate Professor Barbara Masser

**Course Description:** This course will focus on the use of social psychological theories to understand and help solve social problems in a variety of different domains (e.g. health, the environment etc). In addition to understanding the breadth of the field, students will be required to construct and deliver a persuasive pitch for funding for applied social psychological research that advances social psychological theory while providing a practical solution to a social problem.

**Course Code:** PSYC4981  
**Course Title:** Current Issues in Psychology I  
**Topic:** Current issues in Cognitive Neuroscience  
**Course Coordinator:** Professor Jason Mattingley

**Course Description:** Topics to be covered include a history and overview of approaches to understanding brain/behaviour relationships; neural mechanisms underlying selective attention, including pathologies of attentional processes (spatial neglect, simultanagnosia, ADHD); characteristics of conscious versus unconscious perception; neural mechanisms underlying multisensory interactions, including syndromes of anomalous multisensory perception (eg synaesthesia); brain processes involved in face recognition and facial expression analysis; neural
circuits involved in spatial navigation; executive control and its relation to addictive behaviour; the organisation and control of action; and mechanisms responsible for brain plasticity. The tutorials will provide students with an opportunity to critically evaluate recent research findings in each of the

Semester 2

**Course Code:** PSYC4000

**Course Title:** Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology

**Course Coordinator:** Associate Professor Stephanie Hanrahan

**Course Description:** Expansion on theoretical and practical knowledge of basic sport and exercise psychology. Emphasis on theoretical basis of applied sport and exercise psychology and the development of practical skills that can be employed as teachers, coaches, fitness professionals and exercise scientists.

**Course Code:** PSYC4191

**Course Title:** Applied Cognitive Psychology

**Course Coordinator:** Associate Professor Mark Horswill

**Course Description:** This course will introduce a selection of research topics from the psychological literature that addresses real world issues from a cognitive perspective. Topics to be covered include face recognition, eyewitness testimony, false memory, acquisition of expertise, and driving behaviour.

**Course Code:** PSYC4982

**Course Title:** Current Issues in Psychology II

**Topic:** To Be Advised

**Course Coordinator:** Professor Bill von Hippel

**Course Description:** This course provides students with the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of the theoretical & research basis of current issues in psychology. The psychology area covered will vary from year to year.