Honours in Psychology

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Why do Honours in Psychology?

- **RESEARCH**: For those interested in research, an Honours degree will make you eligible to apply for a PhD level program

- **CLINICAL PRACTICE**: If you wish to become a practicing psychologist you need a 4-year accredited sequence
  - At the end of this program you will have meet the qualification requirements for provisional registration as a psychologist
  - You can either seek supervised practice to achieve full registration or complete a relevant Masters level program
Honours 2016

APAC Accredited 4 Year Psychology Degree with Honours

Research PhD
(3-4 Years)

Professional Doctorate

Master of Clinical Psychology
(2 Years)

Master of Organisational Psychology
(2 Years)

Master of Applied Psychology
(Health/Counselling/Sport)
(2 Years)

Registration as a Psychologist
(May commence PhD after 1 year of Masters level study)

Approved 3 Year Bachelors Degree
(see details above)

Master of Counselling
(2 Years)

Practice as a Counsellor

Academic/Research Career
Honours 2017

Why do Honours at UQ?

• Ranked 18th best Psychology School/Dept in the world in the 2015 QS World University rankings

• Research training major component of Honours & 4th year

• UQ School of Psychology is one of the strongest research departments in Australia.

• We are active researchers covering a broad and diverse range of areas

• UQ provides excellent opportunities for postgraduate research and professional training (PhD, professional doctorate & masters)
Honours 2017
What is Honours like?

• Fourth/Honours year builds on the APS accredited three-year sequence to:
  ○ Provide an integrated & comprehensive education in psychology;
  ○ Introduce applied aspects of psychology;
  ○ Permit advanced study in a range of fields in psychology;
  ○ Provide experience and training in aspects of advanced research.

• The program aims to foster the transition from the undergraduate program to the areas of postgraduate specialisation. This does not, however, include training in an area of specialisation itself.

• Regardless of individual or group thesis, honours is extremely intensive and requires a large commitment.
Honours entry

BA & BSc students
Entry Requirements

BA (Hons) / BSc (Hons)

• Must have completed degree by end of Sem 2, 2016

• But if you have #2 units left and have a high GPA, then contact us...
# GPA Calculation

## BA/BSc students

### Post 2011 entry

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- Electives covering two areas, plus PSYC3042 or an extra elective in any area.

We take your 3 best marks across the required areas from all completed third year electives. Pre-2011 rules are slightly different and students should contact the school.
How is the entry GPA calculated?

- By multiplying the number of units by the grade achieved for the course. Then add these results together and divide by the sum of units for all the courses.

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- Grades for repeated attempts at courses will be averaged for the GPA.
Honours Entry Requirements
BA/BSc students

- BA(Hons) – completion of BA degree with a minimum GPA 5.0 in relevant major, extended major or honours entry courses.
- BSc (Hons) – completion of BSc with a minimum overall GPA of 4 and a GPA of at least 4.5 over #8 of late year courses from Part A of the BSc List relevant to the chosen field.
- Final cut-off for BA/BSc (Hons) applicants determined by quota
  - If heading for GPA of 5.0 or greater, apply
  - But maximise your chances of success
Group Thesis

- For the first time, BA and BSci students will be offered entry into our group supervised thesis (only if your GPA is between 5.0-5.5).

- Apply across the board (other unis) as you may gain an individual place elsewhere.

- Group thesis is an APAC accredited honours year and you will be eligible for postgraduate study and supervised pathways.
Application Procedure, UQ students

BA/BSc

Applications are available. **DUE 31 OCT 2016.** Check the school website [http://www.psy.uq.edu.u.au/future-students/4thyear/apply.html](http://www.psy.uq.edu.u.au/future-students/4thyear/apply.html)

International students must apply via UQ International
What happens then?

PLEASE NOTE:

- Offers will be made **via email** to your student email address
- Make sure you check this account regularly during December, January & February
  - You can nominate a person to respond to the offer email on your behalf if you will be travelling overseas
- Transcripts are not necessary for UQ graduates
An email will be sent out to all UQ applicants by 9/12/16 advising:

- An Offer into the
  - BA or BSc Honours
- Ineligible Applicants
Notification letter

· Keep the notification email and attachments!
· If you are waitlisted, then check your email regularly
· If you are beginning Honours in 2017, we will be in touch in early 2017 to notify you of:
  o A ‘meet the supervisors’ session (Last week of Jan 2017)
  o How to indicate your preferences for supervisors
  o A compulsory orientation session in O-Week (Feb 2017)
Enrolment

- University enrolment is via SI-net
  - Enrol in the individual courses
  - NOTE: #1 SEMINAR COURSES are not yet finalised for 2017
  - Enrolment for your seminar course will take place after you attend the O-week 4th year orientation session in Feb 2017
Honours Enrolment
(Individual or Group Thesis)

16 units in total

**Compulsory**

#8 Thesis
#2 Psychological Research Methodology IV
#2 The Scientist-Practitioner Model
#1 Ethical Considerations for Psychologists (pass/fail)

**Electives**

1 x #1 seminar (You may not take more than 1 seminar)
1 x #2 elective
Part-Time Enrolment

- If you enrol part-time:
  - There is no ‘evening only’ timetable. Part-time students are expected to attend classes scheduled between 8am-10pm Monday to Friday.
  - You must split your load fairly evenly over the 2 years
  - You must do PSYC4050 Psychological Research Methodology IV in year 1
  - Part-time students do the thesis (PSYC4071 or PSYC4091) and ethics (PSYC4060) concurrently in year 2 -- you may not spread the thesis over more than 1 year
  - Your results will be processed with the cohort of your finishing year
Seminar (#1 unit) Courses

- Enrolment limit in each is 20 – to allow an opportunity for debate and discussion!
  - Note that the structure and workload of the seminar courses is similar
  - The aim is to foster critical analysis and debate about theories and issues

- Enrolment will open via Si-net after the Orientation meeting in O-Week February 2017
- When the quota is reached no further enrolments will be permitted
Group Thesis

- Students in the group thesis undertake a group project for the 8# unit thesis.
- Students will attend a lecture series and tutorials for the PSYC4092 thesis.
- There is limited selection of group projects made available for students.
- Students submit an individual thesis based on the group project.
- Further information is provided in the compulsory 4th year orientation in O-Week February 2017.
Students will be given details of the projects available by week 1.

- In previous years, there have been 3 different project areas.

They will then be asked to list their preferences and assigned to a group.

- Normally we are able to accommodate most students’ preferences, but if needed we will use GPA to determine eligibility.
Individual Supervisor Preferences

- You are required to complete the supervisor preference form online between 23/01/17 and 6/02/17

- Do this through the Psychology web page: Prospective Students ⇒ Honours ⇒ Online Preference Form

- Supervisor information and the on-line form will only be available from 23/01/17.

- We will run a ‘meet the supervisor’ session during the last week of January 2017
Areas for Individual Supervision

- **Applied/Professional Psychology**
  - Clinical Psychology
  - Health Psychology
  - Organisational Psychology
  - Sport Psychology
- **Cognition & Neuroscience**
  - Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Perception
  - Social Behaviour
  - Cognitive Development
  - Human Factors
  - Memory & Attention
- **Developmental Psychology**
- **Social Psychology**
But it is complicated...

- Many supervisors supervise across areas...
Individual Supervisor Preferences

- The online form will ask you to select 6 supervisors (in order) that you’d like to work with.

- In addition, we will ask you to list 3 different broad area topics (Applied/Professional, Cognition & Neuroscience, Developmental, Social).

- We work through your 6 nominated individuals and then through your three broad areas and allocate as we can.

- Allocations are primarily GPA based (highest GPA, first pick).
Supervisor allocation

- We will also take into account requests by supervisors for students with whom they have worked in research experience courses (PSYC2991/2/SOSC3900) or summer/winter research placements.
  - Note that RA work does not count
  - Of course we will not give you to a supervisor whom you have not requested (you have to list them as your first preference supervisor)

- Otherwise supervisors have no input into whom they get
Honours Supervisor Preferences

- Do not list the same person 6 times, or the same area 3 times (you’re likely to end up disappointed)

- If you have a lower GPA, you are more likely to get someone you want (or an area you want) if you are strategic – e.g.,
  - Pick less well known individuals who look interesting (and meet them beforehand to see if they are actually interesting)
  - Pick less popular areas
Honours project supervision

- You will be notified of your allocated supervisor in O-Week February 2017
- Supervisors are not expected to engage in detailed discussion about thesis projects before Semester 1 2017
- Supervisors are carefully selected and have a background in Psychology and research
- Supervisors not already on our approved supervisors list are not allowed
Your responsibilities

- Submit your application and check your email regularly
- Complete online supervisor preference form by the closing date in February 2017
- Enrol as directed in your notification letter
- Attend 4th year orientation session
- If you decide to withdraw - Cancel your enrolment on Si-net AND let the School know
  - We will not be informed if you cancel your enrolment
Questions?

- Please feel free to ask general questions now or see us afterwards for individual queries.