Honours in Psychology

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Honours 2018

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
Why do Honours at UQ?

- Ranked 21 best Psychology School/Dept in the world in the 2016 QS World University rankings
- Research training major component of Honours
- 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 2018

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)

Approved 3 Year Bachelors Degree (see details above)

Master of Counselling
(2 Years)

Academic/Research Career

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

Practice as a Counsellor

Approved Accredited 4 year Psyc degree with honours

Master of Business Psychology Non-Accredited

Business Consultant (no psych registration)
Honours year builds on the APAC 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, 2017

• 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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\frac{(\text{Units} \times \text{Grade}) + (\text{Units} \times \text{Grade})}{(\text{SUM number of Units})}
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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.

- UQ BA/BSc (Hons) applicants will be accepted with a GPA of 5.0 or above – individual thesis requires a minimum 5.5 GPA
  
  - If heading for GPA of 5.0 or greater, apply
  
  - But maximise your chances of success
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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL: NOT FINALISED
- Research stream
  - Independently-run project
  - See supervisor once a week (face-to-face)
  - Suitable if intending a career in research
  - (though still eligible to apply to all postgrad programmes)

- Professional stream
  - Project run with a group of peers
  - Weekly lectures and meetings, in group context
  - Access to Professional Skills (Work and Research in Applied Psychology)
  - Suitable if intending a career as a professional / clinician
  - (though still eligible to apply to all postgrad programmes)
Professional stream Thesis

- 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 DUE 31 OCT 2017. You apply on-line via the UQ study website

Check the school website
What happens then?

PLEASE NOTE:

- Offers will be made via the online application system with an email to your nominated email address.
- Make sure you check 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.
Notification dates

- Notification will be sent out to all UQ applicants by **8/12/17** advising:
  - An Offer into the
    - BA or BSc Honours
  - Ineligible Applicants
Notification

- Make sure you follow instructions to accept your offer and read any information we send you.
- If you are waitlisted, then check your email regularly.
- If you are beginning Honours in 2018, we will be in touch in early 2018 to notify you of:
  - Individual Thesis ‘meet the supervisors’ session (Last week of Jan 2018)
  - How to indicate your preferences for supervisors (Individual and Group)
  - A compulsory orientation session in O-Week (from 12th Feb 2018)
- **NOTE:** O Week starts 12 Feb in 2018
- Sem 1 starts 19 Feb in 2018
Enrolment

- University enrolment is via SI-net
  - Enrol in the individual courses
  - NOTE: #1 SEMINAR COURSES are not yet finalised for 2018 – not all course are listed yet
  - Enrolment for your seminar course will take place after you attend the O-week 4th year orientation session in Feb 2018
Honours Enrolment
(Professional or Individual stream 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 PSYC4092) 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 2018
- When the quota is reached no further enrolments will be permitted
Professional stream 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 2018.
Professional stream Supervisor Preferences

- Students will be given details of the projects available by week 1.

- 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.
Research stream Supervisor Preferences

- You are required to complete the supervisor preference form online between 22/01/18 and 5/02/18.

- 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 22/01/18.

- We will run a ‘meet the supervisor’ session during the last week of January 2018.
Areas for Research stream 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...
  • So take the time to read through the projects of multiple supervisors, you may be surprised
Research stream 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.
Research stream 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, or volunteer capacity.

- If we cannot match you via student + supervisor preference, allocations are primarily GPA based (highest GPA, second-third-etc selection)
Research stream 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 supervision

- Research stream thesis - You will be notified of your allocated supervisor in early February 2018
- Professional stream thesis – You will be notified in Week 1 prior to your group tutorial sessions starting Week 2
- 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 due date:
  - Individual thesis 5/2/187
  - Group Thesis Friday Week 1
- Enrol as directed in your notification ie Group or Individual Thesis
- 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
Honours co-ordinator from Jan 2018

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Questions?

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