Why do 4th Year/Honours in Psychology?

- For those interested in research, an Honours degree will make you eligible to apply for a PhD level program.
- 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 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 App Psychology
(Health/Counselling/Sport)
(2 Years)

Master of Counselling
(2 Years)

Approved 3 Year Bachelors Degree
(see details above)

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)
4th Year/Honours 2018

Why do 4th Year/Honours at UQ?

- Ranked 21 best Psychology School/Dept in the world in the 2016 QS World University rankings
- Research training major component of 4th Year/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)
What is 4th Year/Honours like?

- 4th Year/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.
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)
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*if anyone is in the BPsySc and tracking towards group thesis to contact the school*
## Thesis Differences in 2019

### Research stream thesis
- Students assigned an honours class
- #8 thesis completed
- Focussed for research intensive careers (but will be eligible for professional postgraduate pathways)

### Professional stream thesis
- Students assigned an honours class
- #6 thesis completed
- Intended for professional study pathways (but will be eligible for research postgraduate pathways)
- Completed in conjunction with Professional Skills course (#2)
4th Year/Honours entry

BPsySci Students
Entry Requirements

BPsySci(Hons)

• Who have completed:
  • All degree requirements to third year of the BPsySc, and
  • #48 units of the program

• are automatically eligible for the fourth year

• You can only commence 4th Year/Honours in Semester 1.
Entry Requirements

BPsySc(hons) students

- **BPsySc (Hons) entry post 2015**
- **GPA calculated across all courses (incl credit)**
- **GPA > 5.50***
  - Research or Professional stream
  - *Quota determines cut off
- **GPA < 5.50***
  - Professional stream
Options

• If you have completed #48 units of the program then you can withdraw and be awarded the BBehSci

• You should consider this option if you do not require 4th Year/Honours in Psychology for your chosen career path

• Many postgraduate programs DO NOT require a 4-year/Honours degree for entry (e.g.: audiology, master of mental health, counselling, speech pathology, business)
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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- All years 1 - 3 courses, including credit and electives, are used in the GPA calculation

- Grades for repeated attempts at courses will be averaged for the GPA
Application Procedure, UQ students

BPsySci (hons)

Students will be emailed in September regarding their intention to progress.

Another email will be sent with offer of progression in December.

If you wish to exit with the BBehSci, please let us know and we will advise of the process.
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
An email will be sent out to all BPsySci(Hons) eligible to progress by 8/12/17 advising:

- Of an offer into the:
  - Professional stream
  Or
  - Research stream

- Ineligible Applicants will not be contacted. Please contact the School if you are expecting to progress and have not been confirmed after the 8/12/17.
Notification letter

- Keep the notification email and attachments!
- If you are beginning Honours in 2018, we will be in touch in early 2018 to notify you of:
  - Research Thesis ‘meet the supervisors’ session (Last week of Jan 2018)
  - How to indicate your preferences for supervisors (Research and Professional)
  - A compulsory orientation session in O-Week (starts 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, so there will not be a full list
  - Enrolment for your seminar course will take place after you attend the O-week 4th year orientation session in Feb 2018
## 4th Year/Honours Enrolment

### Research Stream

**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

### Professional Stream

**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 electives - Professional skills course
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
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 ⇒ 4th Year/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
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.
  - 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.
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 – though you may contact them to get reading material

- 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

- Check your email regularly and respond quickly

- Complete online supervisor preference form by the due date:
  - Research stream thesis 5/2/18
  - Professional stream thesis Friday Week 1

- Enrol as directed in your notification email

- Attend 4th year orientation session

- If you decide to withdraw - Cancel your enrolment on Sisnet AND let the School know
  - We will not be informed if you cancel your enrolment
Honours co-ordinator from Jan 2018

- Assoc. Prof. Paul Dux
- p.dux@psy.uq.edu.au
Questions?

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