

# Master of Clinical Psychology (Defence)

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

## 1 Duration of program

- 1.1 Except with the permission of the Faculty, the courses of study and the dissertation shall be completed in not more than two years of full-time study or four years of part-time study.
- 1.2 A student whose work on the Program is interrupted for a reason acceptable to the Executive Dean may be granted an intermission of candidature by the Head of School of Psychology on behalf of the Faculty. If such an application is approved the maximum period specified in clause 1.1 will be adjusted accordingly by adding the length of the intermission. Defence students may be required to deploy overseas with little or no notice and this should be taken into account by the head of School when making these deliberations.

## 2 Admission

- 2.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Degree of Master of Clinical Psychology (Defence) shall have qualified for an Honours Degree of Bachelor, with Honours in Psychology, of the University of Adelaide or for an Honours degree of another institution accepted for the purpose by the University (preference for a minimum of Second Class, Division A Honours; OR a three year sequence of study plus a supplementary Australian Psychology Accreditation Council accredited fourth year). To be eligible for admission to the program applicants must be an Australian Defence Force psychologist (including members of the ADF reserves). Commonwealth Department of Defence employed psychologist or a contracted health practitioner (psychologist) in the Joint Health Command. Applicants will also be accepted from Defence members who aspire to be psychologists within Defence.
- 2.2 Status, exemption and credit transfer  
The courses offered through Defence (PSYCHOL 7401EX or PSYCHOL 7406EX) will be granted status as part of the Master of Clinical Psychology (Defence) to a total of 6 units in accordance with the collaborative agreement.

## 3 Assessment and examinations

- 3.1 There shall be one of two systems of classification of pass in individual courses for the Master's degree: either Non-Graded Pass; or Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit, and Pass.
- 3.2 On completion of the Research Project the student shall lodge with the School a copy of the dissertation prepared in accordance with directions given to students from time to time. No dissertation or material presented for any other degree within this or any other institution shall be submitted.
- 3.3 Two examiners of the Research Project will be appointed by the head of School and the ADF. Both examiners will normally be internal to the School and the ADF but not include the student's supervisor.
- 3.4 Review of Academic progress
  - 3.4.1 A student who fails a course and desires to take the course again shall again attend lectures and/or on-line sessions and satisfactorily do such written and practical work as the teaching staff concerned may prescribe.
  - 3.4.2 A student who has twice failed a course may not enrol for that course again except by special permission to be obtained in writing from the Faculty and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.
  - 3.4.3 Attendance is required for at least 80% of the sessions in any intensive face to face delivered course. A student who fails this requirement will not be eligible for examination unless there are extenuating circumstances.
  - 3.4.4 If in the opinion of the Head of the School of Psychology a student for the degree is not making satisfactory progress, the Faculty may, with the consent of the Council, terminate the candidature and the student shall cease to be enrolled for the degree.

## 4 Qualification requirements

- 4.1 Unless exempted by the Faculty, all students will satisfactorily complete a total of 48 units. This will include courses to the value of 24 units. Three 9 week periods (of 5 days per week or equivalent) for a total of 1000 hours of placement in different facilities/agencies within Defence offering psychological services approved by the Head of the School of Psychology and Director of Mental Health. These

placements will be to the value of 12 units. Finally, two-part Research Dissertation to the value of 12 units.

- 4.2 In the normal pattern of study, students enrolled on a full-time basis will complete six courses and two placements during their first year

PSYCHOL 7401EX

*or*

PSYCHOL 7406EX

PSYCHOL 7402

PSYCHOL 7403

PSYCHOL 7404

PSYCHOL 7407

PSYCHOL 7408EX

*and one placement*

PSYCHOL 7412

During second year, they will complete two courses:

PSYCHOL 7409

PSYCHOL 7405

two further placements

PSYCHOL 7413

PSYCHOL 7417

*and the research project*

PSYCHOL 7418

PSYCHOL 7419

Students may wish to consider linking the research project to one of the placements. For the suggested pattern of study for students enrolled on a part-time basis, see the program handbook.

- 4.3 Academic program

Unless exempted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, every student for the degree shall satisfactorily complete the following components: (exception – PSYCHOL 7401EX ROBC is only available for candidates from the Australian Army unless authorised by the Director of Mental Health. Students from other Services or Defence Civilians or Joint Health Command contracted health practitioners will complete PSYCHOL 7406EX Mental Health Support on Operations as an alternative).

- 4.3.1 Courses

PSYCHOL 7401EX Regimental Officer Basic Course (ROBC) ..... 3

*or*

PSYCHOL 7406EX Mental Health Support on Operations ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7402 Evidence-based Practice ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7403 Psychological Assessment..... 3

PSYCHOL 7404 Clinical Disorders in Adults & Children ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7405 Advanced Child & Adult Intervention..... 3

PSYCHOL 7407 Interviewing and intervention ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7408EX Mental Health Disaster Management ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7409 Neuropsychology and Disability ..... 3

- 4.3.2 Placements

PSYCHOL 7412 Placement I ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7413 Placement II ..... 3

PSYCHOL 7417 Placement III ..... 6

- 4.3.3 Research Project

PSYCHOL 7418 Research Project I..... 6

PSYCHOL 7419 Research Project II..... 6

- 4.4 Unacceptable combinations of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.

#### 4.5 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

### 5 **Special circumstances**

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.