

# Master of Psychology (Clinical)

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.

## 2 Admission

- 2.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the degree of Master of Psychology (Clinical) 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 (minimum of Second Class, Division A Honours and an individually conducted research project carrying 33% or more of the years work).
- 2.2 Status, exemption and credit transfer
  - 2.2.1 The Faculty may grant such status for other studies undertaken in the University or other institutions in any course as it may determine up to a maximum of 9 units, provided that any such course has not been presented for another degree.
  - 2.2.2 Except by the special permission of the Head of the School of Psychology, no student may gain status for the course PSYCHOL 7144 and PSYCHOL 7145 Research Project in Clinical Psychology for other studies undertaken in the University or other institutions.

## 3 Assessment and examinations

- 3.1 There shall be one of two systems of classification of pass in individual courses for the Masters 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. Both examiners will normally be internal to the School 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 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 compulsory 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 Compulsory Courses to the value of 21 units, three eighteen week periods (of 5 half-days per week or equivalent) of placement in different institutions or organisations offering psychological services approved by the Head of the School of Psychology, and a Research Dissertation. Placement I & II will have a course value of 3 units each as they will have a higher level of supervision. Placement III will have a course value of 6 units as these will involve more independent work.
- 4.2 In the normal pattern of study, students enrolled on a full-time basis will complete the courses:  
PSYCHOL 7130  
PSYCHOL 7131  
PSYCHOL7132  
PSYCHOL 7133

PSYCHOL 7134  
PSYCHOL 7135  
PSYCHOL 7136

*and*

one placement:

PSYCHOL 7141

during their first year.

Also during their first year students are encouraged to do preliminary work on their research project although they will not enrol formally until second year.

During second year they will complete, two further placements:

PSYCHOL 7140

PSYCHOL 7143

*and*

the research project:

PSYCHOL 7144

PSYCHOL 7145

Students may wish to consider linking the research project to one of the placements. For the normal 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 three components:

##### 4.3.1 Coursework courses

PSYCHOL 7130 Evidence-based Practice .....	3
PSYCHOL 7131 Interviewing & Intervention .....	3
PSYCHOL 7132 Psychological Assessment.....	3
PSYCHOL 7133 Abnormal Psychology .....	3
PSYCHOL 7134 Health Psychology .....	3
PSYCHOL 7135 Clinical Neuropsychology & Disability .....	3
PSYCHOL 7136 Advanced Child & Adult Intervention.....	3

##### 4.3.2 Placements

Three placements, as follows:

PSYCHOL 7141 Placement I .....	3
PSYCHOL 7140 Placement II .....	3
PSYCHOL 7143 Placement III .....	6

##### 4.3.3 Research project

PSYCHOL 7144 Research Project in Clinical Psychology I .....	6
PSYCHOL 7145 Research Project in Clinical Psychology II .....	9

#### 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.