

## Bachelor of Psychological Science

### What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. Psychologists study how people think, believe, speak, act, interact with others. Psychology includes everything that is involved in human thought and behaviour. It is about using scientific study to develop useful ways to understand thoughts and behaviours. Psychology suits people with a wide range of personalities and interests. It suits people who enjoy working alone as well as those who enjoy working with others.

### Aims of the Program

Principal aims of our programs

- to provide tertiary-level education required to become a registered Psychologist
- to meet prerequisites for progression to a higher degree by research in the discipline

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This three year program is designed for students who are seeking to undertake a comprehensive program of study in psychology and related areas of learning. It should be noted that in order to gain partial registration with the Australian Psychological Society, students must undertake the fourth year Honours program. Students are eligible to apply to proceed to Honours at The University of Adelaide as well as other universities around the country that offer Honours programs accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

### Study Plan for Bachelor of Psychological Science

Level		
1	Psychology I Courses <i>6 units</i>	Level I Elective Courses <i>18 units</i>
2	Psychology II Courses <i>12 units</i>	Level II Elective Courses <i>12 units</i>
3	Psychology Level III Courses <i>18 units</i>	Level III Elective Courses <i>6 units</i>

### Psychology courses covered in the Bachelor of Psychological Science

#### Level I

Psychology IA  
Psychology IB

#### Level II

Doing Research In Psychology: Research Design, Methods & Analysis  
Foundations of Health & Lifespan Developmental Psychology  
Foundations of Perception & Cognition  
Psychology in Society

#### Level III

Doing Research In Psychology: Advanced Research Design, Methods & Analysis  
Health & Lifespan Developmental Psychology  
Individual Differences, Personality & Assessment  
Perception and Cognition  
Psychology in Society: Advanced  
Psychology, Ideas and Action

## Elective courses covered in the Bachelor of Psychological Science

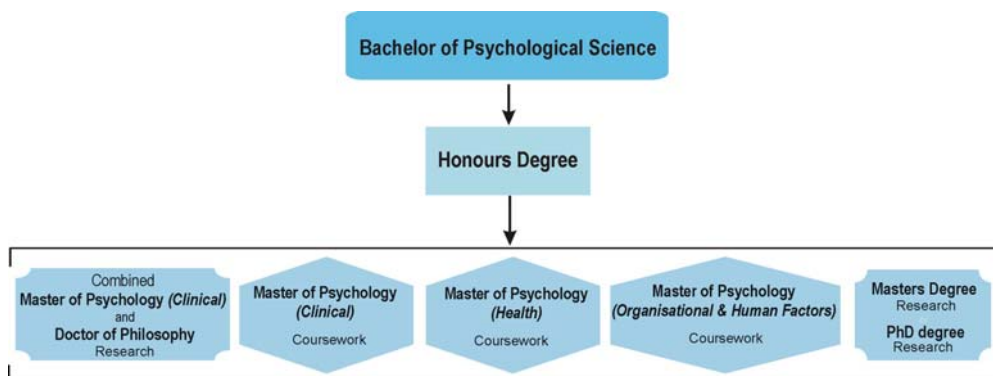
Electives for this program can be chosen from the areas of Humanities, Health Sciences, Economics, Commerce, Science, Maths and Computer Science.

## How to become a Psychologist

In outline, registration requires:

- a University degree;
- four years of formal study in Psychology;
- two further years, either in further study for a Master's degree in Psychology that provides advanced coverage of professionally-relevant material, field training placements and a research thesis, or in a program of preregistration training under the guidance of a registered psychologist.

## Pathway to becoming a Psychologist



## Careers in Psychology

According to the Commonwealth Government Job Search Website employment growth for Psychologists to 2011-12 is STRONG. The range of jobs available to psychologists is also becoming increasingly varied.

Further information can be found at <http://jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook>.

Psychologists are employed in both the public and private sectors, and work in a variety of settings. Clinical psychologists are involved in meeting the needs of children and adults with mental health problems such as depression and drug addiction, and play major roles in the diagnosis and rehabilitation of people with disabilities and acquired brain damage. In business and industry, psychologists are employed in personnel selection, human resource management, job design and skills training, and product marketing. In the legal system, psychologists have skills relevant to criminal investigation and a range of matters examined within the court system and correctional programs. In schools and universities, psychologists assess students with learning difficulties, develop programs for the management of behavioural problems and carry out research into many aspects of human and animal behaviour.

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