Study Psychology at UQ and you’ll be able to tailor your degree to suit individual career aspirations from over 50 subjects in areas and specialities that suit you.

UQ’s Bachelor of Psychological Science has a world-class reputation built on excellence in teaching, research and service to the community.

Why Psychology at UQ?

You can study psychology at UQ through the Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Bachelor of Psychological Science (BPsySc) degrees. All three degrees are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and are recognised by employers. The BPsySc meets academic requirements for professional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Psychology is the scientific study of how people behave, think and feel. It is a broad discipline that examines brain function, memory, conscious experience, lifespan development, social behaviour and the range of functional and dysfunctional behaviour.

Study Psychology at UQ and you will join the largest and one of the most prestigious schools in Australia. You will develop superior analytical skills which are relevant to many careers and learn from award-winning lecturers and researchers who are recognised as leaders in psychology.

Our graduates are employed in a variety of fields. Some go on to further training to become registered psychologists in a variety of specialisations. Others enter professions that require superior analytical and thinking skills such as the human resources, mental health, counselling and corrective services.

What you will study

The Bachelor of Psychological Science will provide you with the knowledge and skills to prepare you for an exciting career with extensive employment opportunities. You will complete foundation studies in psychological theory, research and practice that focus on the following topics: child development, neuroscience, learning and cognition, social and organisational psychology, psychological assessment, psychological research methods and evaluation of research. In your third year you will choose advanced electives from five areas of specialisation: applied professional psychology, biological psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology and social psychology.

Our award-winning lecturers structure your learning based on cutting-edge theory and research in psychology. This ensures that you will graduate well-equipped to embark on an exciting career.

Your future in psychology

Psychology prepares you for a range of exciting careers, including human resource management, mental health services, youth work, relationship counselling, residential care work, family and social services, public service management, private sector administration and management, market research, disabilities services, juvenile justice and corrective services, advertising and statistical research positions.

If you’re contemplating a career as a psychologist, you should undertake an accredited four-year degree: either the four-year Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours, or the three-year Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science followed by an Honours year. To gain full registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, you will need to complete postgraduate studies in psychology and/or supervised work experience. Professional careers in psychology include:

- clinical psychology – specialising in the assessment, treatment and prevention of a wide range of emotional and behavioural problems
- clinical neuropsychology – specialising in the assessment and treatment of emotional and behavioural disorders associated with dysfunction of brain processes or head injury
- counselling psychology – helping individuals, families, and other groups with issues related to personal wellbeing, interpersonal relationships, work, recreation, health and crisis management
- organisational psychology – applying knowledge of human behaviour to the enhancement of organisational effectiveness, productivity and individual wellbeing
- educational psychology – working within schools or the public service
- sport and exercise psychology – helping individuals and teams develop the skills needed to enhance performance and enjoyment when participating in physical activity
- research/academic psychology – applying skills to the advancement and communication of knowledge relating to psychology
- geropsychology – applying practical knowledge of primary prevention strategies, clinical intervention and rehabilitation for older people
- health psychology – learning skills in illness prevention and treatment in public health settings
- careers that require superior problem-solving, critical thinking and understanding human behaviour, such as
  - human resource management
  - advertising and marketing
  - program evaluation and other applied research
  - mental health services
  - youth work
  - family and social services
  - public and private sector management
  - juvenile justice and corrective services

Who will recognise your qualification?

- Psychology Board of Australia (accredited academic qualification for provisional registration)
- Australian Psychological Society (associate membership)

Your postgraduate options

- To gain full registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, students must complete further studies and/or supervised work experience. Postgraduate degrees include:
  - Master of Applied Psychology, with the option of specialising in Counselling, Health or Sport & Exercise Psychology
  - Master of Clinical Psychology
  - Master of Organisational Psychology
  - Doctor of Psychology
- Research higher degrees (MPhil and PhD) in your area of interest are also available.

See www.psychology.uq.edu.au/postgraduate for more information.

Are you an international student?

Standard UQ English language proficiency requirements apply for this degree. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis. See www.uq.edu.au/international for more information.

Duration

- 4 years full-time, 8 years part-time equivalent

Location

- St Lucia, Brisbane

Entry requirements

- Year 12 (or equivalent)
- ATAR 92.25
- English (4, SA)
-English (Advanced, Year 12 or equivalent)

For further information on English language requirements, contact us.

Payment

- Tuition fees
- Government loans
- Scholarships

Contact us

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- Email: uqpsych@psy.uq.edu.au
- Phone: +61 7 3365 6230
- www.facebook.com/UQHealth

For more information on postgraduate programs, please contact Psychology Student Services on +61 7 3365 6230.

Note: Costs are subject to change without notice. Please visit the UQ website for the most current information.

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