Why Psychology at UQ?

Psychology is the scientific study of how people behave, think and feel. A broad discipline, it 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 develop analytical skills which are relevant to many careers, and you will learn from award-winning lecturers and researchers who are recognised as leaders in psychology.

What you will study

The Bachelor of Psychological Science will provide 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 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 your chosen area of specialisation.

Your future in Psychology

Psychology prepares you for a range of exciting careers that require superior problem-solving, critical thinking and understanding of human behaviour, including human resource management, mental health services, youth work, relationship counselling, residential care work, family and social services, public service...
Bachelor of PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Sample Courses

- Communication Skills: Spoken Language & Interpersonal
- Neuroscience for Psychologists
- Social & Organisational Psychology
- Psychological Approaches to Complex Problems
- Psychological Research Methodology
- Psychology of Criminal Justice
- The Science of Everyday Thinking
- Attitudes & Social Cognition
- The Neuroscience of Social Behaviour
- Developmental Perspectives on the Origins of Human Culture

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 the four-year degree, either the four-year Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours, or the three-year Extended Major in the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science followed by an Honours year. All are accredited with the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council.

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 dysfunctional brain processes or head injury
- **Counselling Psychology**: helping individuals, families, and other groups with issues related to personal well-being, interpersonal relationships, work, recreation, health and crisis management
- **Organisational Psychology**: applying knowledge of human behaviour to the enhancement of organisational effectiveness, productivity and individual well being
- **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 related 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.

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, you 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 and Exercise Psychology
- Master of Clinical Psychology
- Master of Organisational Psychology
- Doctor of Psychology.

Research higher degrees in your area of interest are also available.

International students

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.