Graduate Diploma in Science or Certificate of Proficiency  
(One Year Full Time, Two Years Part Time)

The options listed above are available for students who already have a Bachelors degree in another subject (not Psychology) who wish to gain the equivalent of a Psychology Major.

Both options (if completed successfully) can be used as a platform for students to continue on to postgraduate study in Psychology (BA/BSc(Hons), PGDipArts/Science)

The Certificate of Proficiency option is recommended for students who have taken some Psychology courses or a minor in their Bachelors Degree. In consultation with our Bridging Programme Advisor, this option can give students the equivalent of a major in Psychology, i.e. a certain number of undergraduate courses are taken to fulfil the prerequisite requirements for postgraduate study. Note: there is no formal qualification attached to this option.

The Graduate Diploma in Science (GradDipSci) is recommended for students who have little or no courses in Psychology in their Bachelors degree. Students enrolled in this programme will be required to complete 3 Stage II courses and 5 Stage III courses in Psychology (120 points) to fulfil the school's requirements of a major*. If planning to continue into postgraduate study, we strongly recommend students take PSYCH 306.

*NOTE: Students should check their particular degree requirements with the relevant Faculty or in the 2016 University Calendar. Entry to BSc(Hons) is a B average over 90 points at Stage III.

Stage II and III courses can be completed in one year, however students must meet the GPA requirements for Stage III courses. Furthermore, a number of Stage III courses depend heavily on Stage II work. Students will not be allowed to enrol in the following Stage III courses without school approval:

- PSYCH 303 (Cognitive Science) requires PSYCH 201 ( Perception & Cognition)
- PSYCH 305 (Human Neuroscience) requires PSYCH 202 (Biopsychology)
- PSYCH 306 (Research Methods) requires PSYCH 208 (Producing Psychological Knowledge)
- PSYCH 309 (Learning) requires PSYCH 203 (Learning and Behaviour)
- PSYCH 310 (Introduction to Clinical Psychology) requires PSYCH 207 (Theories of Personality & Development).

The above constraints considerably limit the Stage III courses that students may enrol into. If students do the Bridging Programme over two years, there is more choice of Stage III courses.

Note: Completing the Bridging Programme does not guarantee that you will gain entry into postgraduate courses, which is via selection. We will rank you into postgraduate courses based on your four best grades from Psychology courses at Stage III. If applying for the Honours programme (including Clinical) PSYCH 306 is a prerequisite and will be counted as one of your grades for ranking*. A minimum entry grade cannot be specified as it varies from year to year depending on the grades of the students applying.

To apply for approval students should contact one of the Psychology Bridging Programme Advisors to arrange attending an information session to discuss your suitability to apply to this programme. Students will need to bring a copy of their University transcript, a copy of their degree and Bridging Programme application form specifying the courses in which they intend to enrol, Bridging Programme Advisors will assist you in formulating your programme and timetable. Please note: students will also need to have applied to, and been admitted to, The University of Auckland before enrolment into this programme is approved. To apply to the "COP" or "Graduate Diploma" go to www.auckland.ac.nz and complete the online application by clicking the "Apply Now" link or contact Admission 0800 61 62 63 or email studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz to request an application package. Enrolments into Psychology courses must be done in consultation with the Psychology Bridging Programme Advisor.

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* We recommend you take PSYCH 306 if you intend to progress into postgraduate study