

PSYCHOLOGY

POSTGRADUATE HANDBOOK

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Welcome to Psychology



You've picked up the handbook for the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland. Maybe you're thinking of studying with us in one of our postgraduate programmes in research or on a professional track. Maybe you're interested in the research that we pursue, as we try to answer questions ranging from evolution to language to neuroscience to forming lasting relationships to maintaining positive mental health. Whatever your interest in Psychology and our School, I hope you find information in here that helps answer your questions. If not, take a look on our website www.psych.auckland.ac.nz

We're really proud of the work that we do and, if you're interested in studying Psychology, we'd love you to join us. The best part of our job is working with talented students and helping them develop their skills so that they can answer their own questions and become psychological professionals in their own right.

WILL HAYWARD
Head of School

Why study with us?

- The Applied Behaviour Analysis programme has NZ Psychologists Board Accreditation and is Behavior Analyst Certification Board approved
- The Clinical programme has NZ Psychologists Board Accreditation
- The Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice programme has New Zealand Speech Language Therapists Association Accreditation
- Most of our academic staff have impressive international research reputations, and several are recognised among the world leaders in their fields. See www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/excellence

**Our subject
is ranked in
the top 50
worldwide**

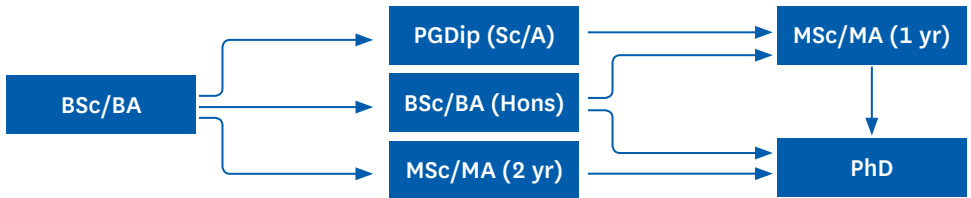
**QS World University
Rankings by subject 2016**

29
in the world



Psychology

Postgraduate study options in Psychology



Certificate of Proficiency

The Certificate of Proficiency is recommended for students who have taken some Psychology courses or a minor in their Bachelor's Degree and wish to continue on to Psychology postgraduate study. If planning to continue into postgraduate study, we strongly recommend students take PSYCH 306.

- **Length:** One semester, depending on course availability.

For Certificate of Proficiency and Graduate Diploma, please see the Bridging Programme webpage (<http://bit.ly/2aRv3g1>) and contact a Bridging Programme Adviser.

Graduate Diploma in Science

The Graduate Diploma in Science is recommended for students who have few or no courses in Psychology in their Bachelor's Degree.

Structure: Students enrolled in this programme will be required to complete 3 Stage II courses and 5 Stage III courses in Psychology. If planning to continue into postgraduate study, we strongly recommend students take PSYCH 306.

Length: Two semesters.



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The average number of years it takes to complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Science



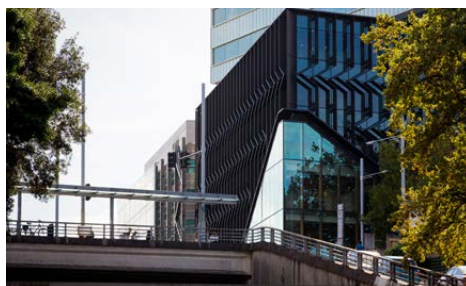
Bachelors in Science/Arts with Honours in Psychology

Prerequisite: Undergraduate degree in Psychology with assessment made on four courses at stage III in Psychology; GPA of 5.5. Must include PSYCH 306 or equivalent.

All students should check their degree planning with their faculty office to confirm their Bachelor completion.

Structure: Total of 120 points: 75 points taught courses from Psychology 700 level schedule and 45 points research dissertation. BA(Hons) may take 30 points outside Psychology; BSc(Hons) may take 15 points outside Psychology. If your course plan falls outside this restriction, please contact pgscience@auckland.ac.nz.

Length: Two semesters of full time study.



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The average number of years it takes to complete a Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree



Postgraduate Diploma in Science/Arts

Prerequisite: Undergraduate degree in Psychology with assessment made on four courses at stage III; GPA of 5.

All students should check their degree planning with their faculty office to confirm their Bachelor completion.

Structure: 120 points from taught courses from Psychology 700 level schedule PGDipArts may take 30 points outside Psychology; PGDipSci may take 15 points outside Psychology. If your course plan falls outside this restriction, please contact the Postgraduate Advisor.

Length: Two semesters of full-time study or eight semesters of part-time study.

Entry based on GPA: If you intend to proceed to Masters or PhD following a Postgraduate Diploma you must have PSYCH 306 or equivalent.

Master of Science/ Arts in Psychology

Option 1

Prerequisite: Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or Science or BA/BSc Hons in Psychology with an average GPA of B- or higher or other relevant qualifications as approved by the Master's Advisor.

Structure: 120 point Research Masters by Thesis.

Length: One year full-time or two year part-time study.

Option 2

Prerequisite: BSc or BA majoring in Psychology and Psychology 306 (or equivalent as approved by Head of School) and at least a B average above stage II or other relevant qualifications as approved by the Master's Advisor.

Structure: Total 240 points. 120 points from Psych 700 level schedule; 120 Points Research Masters by Thesis.

Length: Two years full-time or six years part-time study.

Entry to all Postgraduate study is by supplementary application form and online Admissions through SSO. Supplementary application forms are available here: <http://bit.ly/2aRi1zm>

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Quick facts

Points per degree: 360 points

Fulltime study: 3-4 years

Part-time study: 6-8 years

Degree structure: Research

Application closing dates: Apply at anytime

Start date: Start at anytime

For more information, go to

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/phd

Entry to PhD

The normal requirement for admission to the PhD is an honours degree with 2nd class honours division 1 or better, either MSc, BSc(Hons), or BTech. Candidates with overseas qualifications should consult the School for advice. Candidates may be required to enrol in one or more courses concurrent with research work to complement either their research work or their background in the subject.

Postgraduate Psychology courses

Course code	Title	Semester
PSYCH 700	Political Psychology	S1
PSYCH 707	Forensic Psychology	S1
PSYCH 708 A&B	Clinical Neuropsychology	S1 & S2
PSYCH 711 A&B	Advanced Topics in Learning and Behaviour	S1 & S2
PSYCH 714	Cognitive Neuroscience	S1
PSYCH 715	Psychology and Sustainability	S1
PSYCH 716	Social Psychology and Interpersonal Processes	S1
PSYCH 717	Community Psychology	S2
PSYCH 718	Psychotherapeutic Assessment and Formulation	S2
PSYCH 720	Research Topic in Psychology	S1 & S2
PSYCH 721	Consciousness and Cognition	S2
PSYCH 722	Learning and Human Development	S2
PSYCH 723	Mental Health Problems: Aetiology and Assessment	S1
PSYCH 724	Perceptual Neuroscience	S2
PSYCH 725	Evolutionary Psychology	S1
PSYCH 726	Emotion and Identity: Social	S2
PSYCH 727	Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging	S1
PSYCH 730	Professional Psychology Practice in New Zealand (*PGDipApp only)	S1
PSYCH 731	Social Psychology and Intergroup Processes	S2
PSYCH 740	Sensory Science	S1
PSYCH 742	The Neuroscience of Awareness	S1
PSYCH 743	Critical Qualitative Research	S1
PSYCH 744	Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods for Psychology	S1
PSYCH 746	Perception, Cognition, Action	S2
PSYCH 750 A&B	Applied Behaviour Analysis: Methods	S1 & S2
PSYCH 751 A&B	Applied Behaviour Analysis: Behaviour Modification	S1 & S2
PSYCH 754	Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities	S1
PSYCH 755	Gender, Power and Sexuality	S2
PSYCH 757	Advanced Applied Behaviour Analysis	S2
PSYCH 761	Organisational Psychology	S2
PSYCH 763 A&B	Portfolio of Practice Research Reports (* PGDipApp Only)	S1 & S2
PSYCH 788 A&B	Honours Dissertation in Psychology	S1 & S2
PSYCH 796 A&B	Masters Thesis in Psychology	S1 & S2

For course descriptions and more information, go to www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/pgcourses

Research areas

Applied Behaviour Analysis
Cognition and culture in New Caledonian Crows
Cognitive and Language Development
Cognitive Neuroscience
Community Psychology
Critical, Gender, and Sexuality
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
Educational Psychology
Experimental Analysis of Behaviour
Language and cultural evolution
Maori and Pacific Psychology
New Zealand Attitudes and Values
Sensory Psychology
Social Psychology
Speech Science
Sustainability

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Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only for students and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the University of Auckland must consult its official document, the University of Auckland Calendar, to ensure that they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies.



"I am passionate about learning how to best support individuals with complex mental health disorders to live the best lives possible."

"I chose to pursue a career in Psychology because I believed that it would give me the best resources to pursuing a career in New Zealand's mental health sector. I was also really excited about studying a discipline that literally every human being can relate to."

"The University of Auckland has an outstanding reputation for its Psychology department. I chose to study here, because I thought that it would give me the greatest potential for pursuing a career in this field."

Stephanie Nuysink is studying toward a Bachelor of Science majoring in Psychology and Geography (Hons in Psychology)



Helpful information

Academic dates	www.auckland.ac.nz/dates
Accommodation	www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz
Apply for postgraduate study	www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow
Career Development and Employment Services	www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz
Childcare	www.auckland.ac.nz/childcare
Degree planning and course advice	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/student-centre
Disability Services	www.disability.auckland.ac.nz
How to enrol	www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment
Information for postgraduate students	www.postgraduate.ac.nz
International students	www.international.auckland.ac.nz
Libraries and Learning Services	www.library.auckland.ac.nz
Māori and Pacific students	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/tuakana
Need help?	www.askauckland.ac.nz
Postgraduate Students' Association	www.pggsa.org.nz
Rainbow Science Network for LGBTI students	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/rainbowsience
Scholarships, awards and fees	www.scholarships.auckland.ac.nz www.auckland.ac.nz/fees www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances
Support for science students	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/support

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