





## Welcome to the School of Psychology



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

Nga mihi nui,

WILL HAYWARD Head of School

# Our school is ranked in the top 50

QS World University Rankings by subject 2016 Psychology

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/excellence



# Bachelor of Science in Psychology

If you're interested in human behaviour, thinking, reasoning, emotion, perception, personality, learning, how memory is formed, development, social group behaviour, culture, evolution, how brains function or enjoy working with people, then Psychology would be a fascinating subject for you.



#### **Preparation for school leavers**

There are no prerequisite subjects required to gain entry into our programme, but subjects that develop critical thinking and written communication skills will be beneficial.

For course planning and enrolment, go to www.science.auckland.ac.nz/student-centre

### **Complementary majors**

A double major is strongly recommended as it will enhance your career options by providing a broader base of skills and knowledge. Please note, a psychology major is also available under the Bachelor of Arts programme.

#### **PSYCHOLOGY** +

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/doublemajors



Thinking about postgraduate study options? Go to www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/pg

## Planning your major



- 1. Courses in a minimum of three subjects listed in the BSc Schedule.
- 2. At least 180 points (12 courses) must be above Stage 1.
- 3. Up to 30 points (2 courses) may be taken from outside the Faculty.
- 4. 30 points (2 courses) must be taken from the appropriate General Education Schedules for BSc students.
- 5. At least 75 points must be at Stage III, of which 60 points must be in the majoring subject.

To view regulations for majors, and course descriptions, see www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz BSc degree requires: 360 points (24 x 15 point courses). Each box represents one 15 point course. It is recommended that students enrol in 8 courses each year.



### Undergraduate Psychology Courses

#### Stage I

PSYCH 108	Individual, Social and Applied Psychology
PSYCH 109/109G	Mind, Brain and Behaviour

#### Stage II

PSYCH 201	Perception and Cognition
PSYCH 202	Biopsychology
PSYCH 203	Learning and Behaviour
PSYCH 204	Social Psychology
PSYCH 207	Theories of Personality and Development
PSYCH 208	Producing Psychological Knowledge

#### Stage III

PSYCH 303	Cognitive Science
SPORTSCI 304	Sport Psychology
PSYCH 305	Human Neuroscience
PSYCH 306	Research Methods in Psychology
PSYCH 308 A/B	Research Topic
PSYCH 309	Learning
PSYCH 310	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSYCH 311	Advanced Topics in Social Psychology
PSYCH 313	Psychology of Communication Disorders
PSYCH 317	Evolution, Behaviour and Cognition
PSYCH 319	Psychology and Gender
PSYCH 320	Psychology and Culture
PSYCH 322	Industrial, Work and Organisational Psychology
PSYCH 326	Life Span Development
PSYCH 364	Health Psychology

For course descriptions and prerequisite information, go to www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/ugcourses

# Careers in Psychology

Students who graduate with a degree majoring in Psychology will gain a competitive edge in the job market due to their knowledge about psychological theory and practice. Psychology graduates are well suited to roles that require contact with the public, and often find positions in business settings, health services, and in the area of research. Students who wish to become a practising Registered Psychologist in New Zealand will need to undertake postgraduate study in Psychology.



"I chose to study Psychology and Criminology because I was interested in learning about human behaviour, and the crossover between psychology and crime that happens on crime TV shows was very interesting to me.

"I wanted to study at the University of Auckland because I heard that it is a good university with a really great psychology programme. I'm still quite unsure about what I intend to do after university. I'm interested in maybe being a forensic psychologist or working with individuals that have neurodegenerative diseases."

Jasmin Singh, from Malaysia, is studying a conjoint degree, combining a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) and a Bachelor of Arts (Criminology). Academic and Research Psychologists Applied Behavioural Analysis Audiologists Clinical Psychologists Communications Educational Psychologists Forensic Psychologists Health Psychologists Human Resource Specialists Industrial Organisational Psychologists Neuropsychologists Social Psychologists Speech Language Therapists Market Researchers



#### Disclaimer

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.



## Helpful information

Academic dates	www.auckland.ac.nz/dates
Academic Integrity Course	www.auckland.ac.nz/academic-integrity
Accommodation	www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz
Buy coursebooks	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/resource-centre
Career Development and Employment Services	www.auckland.ac.nz/careers
Course advice and degree planning in Science	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/student-centre
General education	www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation
How to apply	www.apply.auckland.ac.nz
How to enrol	www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment
International students	www.international.auckland.ac.nz
Māori and Pacific students	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/tuakana
Need help?	www.askauckland.ac.nz
Rainbow Science Network for LGBTI students	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/rainbowscience
Scholarships and awards	www.scholarships.auckland.ac.nz
Support for students	www.science.auckland.ac.nz/support

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