Welcome to the School of Psychology

You’ve picked up the undergraduate handbook for the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland. Maybe you’re thinking about studying with us as an undergraduate student. 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, I hope that this handbook helps answer your questions.

We’re proud of the work that we do and our diverse and talented staff and students. We are especially proud of our Māori and Pacific Psychology research group and our School of Psychology Tuākana programme, which seeks to create an inclusive and dynamic space for Māori and Pacific students.

If you’re interested in studying Psychology, we’d love you to join us. The best part of our job is working with enthusiastic students, helping them to develop their skills so that they can answer their own questions and become psychological professionals in their own right.

Ngā mihi nui,
SUZANNE PURDY
Head of School

Our subject is ranked 33 in the world

QS World University Rankings by subject 2017
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

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

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 +

Biological Sciences
Environmental Science
Physiology
Exercise Sciences
Statistics

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/doublemajors
### BSc degree planner – Psychology

#### BSc

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With appropriate prerequisites can also be filled by Stage II or III. Students intending to major in Psychology need to take STATS 101-125, or 191 before beginning Stage III Psychology courses.

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### Notes

1. Courses in a minimum of three subjects listed in the BSc Schedule
2. At least 180 points (12 courses) must be above Stage I
3. Up to 30 points (two courses) may be taken from outside the faculty
4. 30 points (two 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](http://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz)

BSc degree requires: 360 points (24 x 15 point courses). Each box represents one 15 point course. We recommend that students enrol in eight courses each year.

Degree Planners for double majors can be found at [www.science.auckland.ac.nz/course-planning](http://www.science.auckland.ac.nz/course-planning)

It is the student's responsibility to check that the final programme complies with University Regulations. The Faculty of Science is the final authority on all BSc regulations.
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For course descriptions and prerequisite information, go to [www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/ugcourses](http://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.

**Sam Morriss** is studying for a Bachelor of Science majoring in Psychology.

“I’m endlessly fascinated by brains! I suppose I realised that while I had many questions about the way in which the brain works, I had very little in the way of answers.

“Three years in, and I have a few more answers now! But many, many more questions than I started with. Which isn’t surprising, really. We are still so far off understanding the brain.

“As it turns out, you can have a career that involves asking questions and trying to find answers about brains. So, that’s what I plan to do. Next year I hope to carry on to postgraduate study.

“I recommend that you talk to your lecturers. If you’re interested in a particular area, they are more than willing to advise how you can get involved at the University (in labs and research projects), or point you in the right direction.

“And choose to study something for the purpose of learning about it, not simply to get a qualification. Enjoy the process, rather than only focusing on the outcome.”

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**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**
Helpful information

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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

Questions about Psychology?
scifac@auckland.ac.nz

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