The Honours program in Psychology at UNSW is available to exceptional graduates from other institutions. At the completion of this program, students are awarded a Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) degree. This one-year full-time program is an accredited fourth year of study in Psychology. The School does not offer alternative fourth year programs in Psychology to external applicants, such as a Graduate Diploma.

Program Description
The Honours program in Psychology involves completing a research thesis and coursework. The research thesis may be undertaken in most areas of psychology including: psychopathology; behavioural neuroscience; cognitive science; cognition and perception; forensic psychology; and social, personality and developmental psychology. Applicants can indicate their preferred research areas but cannot be guaranteed the supervisor of their choice.

The Honours coursework requirement includes compulsory components, covering topics such as history and systems of psychology, professional ethics, and evidence-based practice; and elective seminar streams covering advanced topics in psychology and offered in a variety of areas that reflect the expertise and research specialisations of School staff.

Admission Requirements
To be eligible for the Honours program in Psychology, applicants need to have completed either a three-year undergraduate sequence majoring in Psychology, or a Graduate Diploma in Psychology, that is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia.

Students with exceptional undergraduate academic records in psychology are encouraged to apply, and places are offered to external applicants on the basis of merit. Please note the School first allocates Honours places to eligible current students from UNSW (internal applicants) and then considers external applicants (those from other universities, or UNSW graduates). The number of places available for external applicants (if any) varies from year to year and depends upon the number of eligible internal students and the availability of School resources. For this reason, only those external applicants with an outstanding undergraduate psychology record will be considered.
Application Procedures

If you are interested in applying for the Honours program in Psychology at UNSW, contact the School of Psychology (psychology@unsw.edu.au) for information regarding the application procedure. Applications for the following year are accepted by the School from October onwards. The School deadline for external applicants is 20th November, 2015. The School does not offer mid-year entry.

Note that the submission date is earlier than the UNSW-deadline of 10th December. The School of Psychology sets an earlier closing date as we aim to finalise places in the program around late-November / early December.

External domestic applicants must submit their application directly to the UNSW Admissions Office. The application form can be found at: http://www.unsw.edu.au/node/365. Applicants will be notified late December / early January of the outcome of their application.

*UNSW graduates please note:* Applicants who are UNSW graduates and who completed their degree in 2014 or earlier will be considered external applicants and must apply for admission directly to the UNSW Admissions Office. UNSW graduates who completed their degree in Semester 1 2015 will be considered internal applicants (see http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/current-students/undergraduate/honours for information on the application process).

Honours Relocation Scholarship

High performing applicants from other universities wishing to study psychology at UNSW are encouraged to apply for the Faculty of Science Dean’s Honours Relocation Scholarship: http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/hrs.

This scholarship, valued at $5,000, goes to cover the costs of relocation for non-UNSW students.

Fees

For information regarding fees for UNSW programs, please refer to the website: https://student.unsw.edu.au/fees.

Postgraduate Study

An Honours degree is required for entry to most Australian postgraduate psychology programs.

Registration as a Psychologist and APS membership

The Honours program in Psychology at UNSW meets the requirements of an accredited fourth year in psychology towards provisional registration as a psychologist nationally (http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/) and associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) (http://www.psychology.org.au).