

Future Students

Honours information

A Fourth Year 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 any alternative Fourth Year programs in Psychology such as a Graduate Diploma.

Program Description

The Fourth Year Honours program 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; organisational psychology; and social, personality and developmental psychology. Students can indicate their preferred research areas but cannot be guaranteed the supervisor of their choice. The Honours coursework requirement includes two compulsory courses (one each semester) that cover advanced topics in data analysis and research methodology, history and professional ethics, and evidence-based practice; and two advanced elective courses. Elective courses are offered in a variety of areas that reflect the expertise and research specialisations of School staff.

The research thesis and the combined coursework are weighted 60% and 40% respectively.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the Fourth Year Honours program, students need to have completed either a degree with a three-year sequence 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 academic records in psychology are encouraged to apply for the Honours program in Psychology. Places are offered to external applicants on the basis of merit. Whilst the School has no quota as such on the total number of Fourth Year students, please note the School first allocates Honours places to qualified current students from UNSW and then considers applications from students from other universities. The number of places for external applicants 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 first three years of psychology will be considered.

Application Procedures

If you are interested in applying for Honours in Psychology at UNSW, you should contact Dr Melanie Gleitzman, Fourth Year Coordinator (m.gleitzman@unsw.edu.au) in the month of September for application procedures for the following year.

External domestic applicants are required to submit an application for study at UNSW directly to the UNSW Admissions Office. Details regarding admission and the application form can be found at: <http://www.unsw.edu.au/future-students/domestic-undergraduate/honoursunsw-0#tab-365>

In addition to applicants who are a graduate/graduand of another university, applicants who are a graduate of UNSW after an absence of at least one semester must apply for admission directly to the UNSW Admissions Office.

The closing date for application for admission to an honours program for domestic applicants is early December. However, the School of Psychology sets an earlier closing date for internal applicants and we aim to finalise places in the Honours program around mid-November, so external applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible.

Students are notified in January of the success or otherwise of their application.

The Fourth Year Honours program does not allow for mid-year intake.

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/honours-relocation-scholarships>

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

Fees

For information regarding fees for UNSW programs, please refer to the website:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/FeesMainPage.html>

Postgraduate Study

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

Registration as a Psychologist and APS membership

The Fourth Year program in Psychology at UNSW meets the requirement of a 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>).