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Group	Course	Offerings
Psychology	Psychology (BPsych/BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murdoch campus (internal) (not available to new admissions at this location)

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY (BPSYCH/BA)

Employment Prospects:

Psychology degrees will be of special interest not only to those desiring to enter the psychology profession but also to students envisaging a practical or academic career in education, ergonomics or human resource management.

Admission Requirements (Onshore):

As per normal undergraduate admission requirements.

The study of psychology is a quest to understand behaviour, relationships and the workings of the human mind. In this course students will develop an appreciation of the foundations of psychological knowledge and how modern scientific research methods are used to further this understanding of our differences and similarities. Psychology teaches both research and practical application in the clinical, cognitive, developmental, organisational and social areas.

The four-year Bachelor of Psychology course is a professionally-accredited degree which covers all relevant parts of the psychology curriculum to provide a balanced and comprehensive appreciation of psychology from all major perspectives, and provides students with the minimum necessary units to satisfy the University education requirements for the practice of Psychology. Especially strong components of the course at Murdoch are represented through minors in developmental, health, organisational and social psychology. Applied psychology is included in the curriculum through organisational, clinical and human factors studies. This degree also provides broad skills in teamwork, communication and problem solving necessary in social and workplace settings. The opportunity to undertake a practical placement is available in the fourth year. Those students wishing to exit after three years may apply to graduate with the three-year Bachelor of Arts (Psychology).

Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal) (not available to new admissions at this location)

Previous Degrees:

It should be noted that students who hold a previous degree will be considered as having completed a double major for purposes of satisfying requirements for the award of the Bachelor of Psychology (BPsych) degree. In such cases normal credit rules apply. Students should consult the Psychology Academic Chair for advice on unit exemptions. Students completing a double major, second or subsequent degree, double degree or joint degree are not required to complete a Psychology minor.

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Bachelor of Psychology (BPsych)/Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology

Special Requirements:

All students in the Psychology undergraduate course intending to complete a fourth year in Psychology are required to complete five hours of research participation for each full-time year of study or part-time equivalent prior to their enrolment in the fourth year of the Honours or BPsych research projects. The participation required will therefore total 15 hours for the 3 years of study prior to the Honours or BPsych project.

Duration: 3 or 4 years full-time (BA 3 years; BPsych 4 years) or part-time equivalent

Psychology

Course Structure - BA (Psychology), 72 credit points; BPsych, 96 credit points

Units in this structure may no longer be available at all course locations and, where appropriate, alternative units have been provided. Students are required to satisfy the total credit point value of both the degree and the major in order to graduate; this may require that additional units are taken, either as part of the major or as General Electives. To accommodate students impacted by this change, up to 2 credit points from the total credit point value of the degree (incorporating the major) may be waived. For further information, see https://myanswers.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1017/

Part I - 24 credit points

Foundation Unit - 3 credit points

From 2014, Foundation units will no longer be offered at the Murdoch Campus. Students who have not yet successfully completed a Foundation unit will be required to enrol in the following Transition Unit.

BAR100 Academic Learning Skills - 3 points

Students enrolled at the Kaplan campus will enrol in:
FDN107 Next Life - 3 points

Core Units - 9 credit points

PSY141 Introduction to Psychological Science - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal
KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY171 Introduction to Applications of Psychology - 3 points

OR

PSY101 Introduction to Cultural Psychology - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal
KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal
KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

General Electives - 12 credit points

Select from any 100-level units offered by the University, subject to individual unit prerequisites. Students are advised to consider using General Elective points to meet the requirements of a second major or minor. Any recommended double majors and minors will be included in the major's description.

Highly recommended:

PSY172 Introduction to Psychological Health and Wellbeing - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

Part II (BA and BPsych) - 48 credit points

Core Units - 28 credit points

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Psychology (BPsych) or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (BA) must complete at least one of the Psychology minors. Students are strongly encouraged to complete more than one minor. Individual units can only be used toward one minor. Students completing a double major, double degree, joint degree or second or subsequent degree, are not required to complete a Psychology minor.

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY213 Psychology: Abnormal Behaviour - 4 points

OR

PSY388 Psychology: Abnormal Behaviour - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal
KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:
 PSY351 Psychology: Biological Bases of Behaviour - 4 points

OR

PSY251 Psychology: Biological Bases of Behaviour - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S1-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:
 PSY353 Psychology: Cognitive Processes - 4 points

OR

PSY294 Psychology: Cognitive Processes - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S2-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:
 PSY247 Psychology: Human Development - 4 points

OR

PSY286 Psychology: Human Development - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S1-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:
 PSY248 Psychology: Social Bases of Behaviour - 4 points

OR

PSY285 Psychology: Social Bases of Behaviour - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S2-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:
 PSY212 Psychology: Measurement, Design and Analysis - 4 points

OR

BSC201 Psychology: Measurement, Design and Analysis - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S1-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:
 PSY311 Psychology: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods - 4 points

OR

BSC302 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S2-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

OR

PSY315 Psychology: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods - 4 points

Specified Electives - 8 credit points

Select units to complete at least one of the following minors:

Developmental Psychology Minor

PSY249 Psychology: The Developing Mind - 4 points

OR

PSY393 Psychology: The Developing Mind - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S1-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

PSY356 Psychology: Family Relations and Social Development - 4 points

OR

PSY392 Psychology: Family Relations and Social Development - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S2-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

Health Psychology Minor

PSY215 Psychology: Drugs and Dependence - 4 points

OR

PSY389 Psychology: Drugs and Dependence - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S1-internal

PSY358 Psychology: Sensation and Perception - 4 points

OR

PSY297 Psychology: Sensation and Perception - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S2-internal

Organisational Psychology Minor

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY217 Psychology: Work and Organisations - 4 points

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY357 Psychology: Safety, Errors and Accidents - 4 points

Social Psychology Minor

PSY218 Psychology: Self and Society - 4 points

OR

PSY287 Psychology: Evolved Social Cognition - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S1-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

PSY246 Psychology: Culture and Community - 4 points

OR

PSY356 Psychology: Family Relations and Social Development - 4 points

OR

PSY392 Psychology: Family Relations and Social Development - 3 points
 MURDOCH: S2-internal
 KAPLAN-SGP: TJA-internal, TMA-internal, TSA-internal

General Electives - 12 credit points

Select from any 200- to 400-level units offered by the University, subject to individual unit prerequisites.

Students are advised to consider using these points to meet the requirements of a second major or minor. Students may choose to take Specified Electives and/or Core units that have not already been taken as part of their Core requirements.

In addition, Special Topics are available from time to time. Students should consult the Academic Chair to confirm the offering for any particular year.

Part II (Year 4, BPsych only) - 24 credit points

Students who are accepted into the BPsych (Hons) should refer

instead to the Year 4 section of Honours in Psychology (BPsych(Hons)).

Core Units - 16 credit points

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY441 Psychology: Fourth Year Project - 8 points

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY412 Psychology: Fourth Year Seminar - 4 points

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY431 Psychology: Principles of Psychological Assessment - 4 points

Specified Electives - 8 credit points

Select from the Part II Core Units not already taken above, or from the following:

PSY434 Psychology: Industrial and Organisational Issues - 4 points (no longer available)

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY436 Psychology: Principles and Processes of Interventions - 4 points

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

PSY444 BPsych Practical Skills - 4 points

Psychology: Drugs and Dependence (PSY389)

PSY141 Introduction to Psychological Science

Psychology: Evolved Social Cognition (PSY287)

Students must have completed PSY285 Psychology: Social Bases of Behaviour OR PSY248 Psychology: Social Bases of Behaviour

Psychology: Family Relations and Social Development (PSY392)

PSY247 Psychology: Human Development OR PSY286 Psychology: Human Development.

Psychology: Human Development (PSY286)

PSY141 Introduction to Psychological Science OR PSY171 Introduction to Applications of Psychology OR PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods OR PSY101 Introduction to Cultural and Community Psychology OR PSY172 Introduction to Psychological Health and Wellbeing

Psychology: Measurement, Design and Analysis (BSC201)

PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods

Psychology: Sensation and Perception (PSY297)

PSY141 Introduction to Psychological Science.

Psychology: Social Bases of Behaviour (PSY285)

PSY141 Introduction to Psychological Science OR PSY171 Introduction to Applications of Psychology OR PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods OR PSY101 Introduction to Cultural Psychology OR PSY172 Psychological Health and Wellbeing

Psychology: The Developing Mind (PSY393)

PSY286 Psychology: Human Development OR PSY247 Psychology: Human Development

PREREQUISITES

Academic Learning Skills (BAR100)

Enrolment in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Asian Studies, Bachelor of Communication, Bachelor of Criminology, Bachelor of Media, Bachelor of Digital Media, Bachelor of Legal Studies, Bachelor of Psychology, Bachelor of Theology, or Bachelor of Tourism in Applied Events Management.

Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (BSC302)

BSC201 Psychology: Measurement, Design and Analysis OR PSY212: Psychology: Measurement, Design and Analysis.

Introduction to Cultural Psychology (PSY101)

Nil.

Introduction to Psychological Health and Wellbeing (PSY172)

Nil.

Introduction to Psychological Research Methods (PSY173)

Nil.

Introduction to Psychological Science (PSY141)

Nil.

Psychology: Abnormal Behaviour (PSY388)

PSY141 Introduction to Psychological Science or PSY171 Introduction to Applications of Psychology or PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods or PSY101 Introduction to Cultural Psychology or PSY172 Introduction to Psychological Health and Wellbeing

Psychology: Biological Bases of Behaviour (PSY251)

PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods

Psychology: Cognitive Processes (PSY294)

PSY173 Introduction to Psychological Research Methods

Personal Study Plan

Unit Sets:

Year	Semester 1	Semester 2
1		
2		
3		
4		