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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates</b>		
Psychology	Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murdoch campus (internal)</li> <li>• Kaplan Higher Education Institute and Kaplan Higher Education Academy (Singapore) ['KAPLAN-SGP'] (internal)</li> </ul>

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## PSYCHOLOGY

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### GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY (GRADDIPPSYCH)

*Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych)*

*Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent*

#### **Availability:**

- Murdoch campus (internal) <br/>Kaplan Higher Education Institute and Kaplan Higher Education Academy (Singapore) ['KAPLAN-SGP'] (internal)

The Graduate Diploma in Psychology provides a fourth year of study in Psychology for graduates who already have completed an accredited three-year undergraduate degree in Psychology. The Diploma thus assists people who wish to meet the minimum educational qualification requirements for registration to work as a psychologist. Students in the Diploma must complete coursework at an advanced level as well as a group-based research project written up as a thesis.

#### **Admission Requirements (Onshore):**

A three-year Bachelor's degree in Psychology accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council or Australian Psychological Society-approved alternative, completed within the last 10 years. Some students may be required to complete additional units to satisfy specified unit prerequisites.

The Academic Chair will consider applications and recommend students for admission based on an assessment of the student's preparedness to cope with the Graduate Diploma in Psychology, and on current teaching resources available to the school. Normally only students with a credit average or better in their undergraduate psychology units will be considered. In rare cases, the Academic Chair may recommend a student for admission, but require the student to complete additional designated Murdoch units offered in earlier years than the fourth year.

Quota: The number of students accepted into the course will be determined on a semester-by-semester basis, and will depend upon available resources.

Applications: Applications close one week before the beginning of the following semester.

#### **Employment Prospects:**

Students who complete this Diploma will have satisfied the minimum educational requirements for registration to work as a psychologist in Australia (provided that their undergraduate degree is from an accredited psychology program), and will also be eligible to apply for entry into relevant Master courses in applied psychology. For graduates looking to work in Singapore the Ministries for Defence (DXO), Education, Health, Home Affairs, Social and Family Development, and the Civil Service College in Singapore all employ psychologists at the fourth year level (Singapore Psychological Society, 2016). Anecdotal evidence from the industry suggests that many civil service units and hospitals prefer to hire registered psychologists, or will hire at the fourth-year level and encourage study at the applied Masters level.

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Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Psychology

### **Course Structure - 24 credit points**

#### **Core Units - 24 credit points**

PSY541 Psychology Project - 12 points

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PSY599 Graduate Seminar in Psychology - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

KAPLAN-SGP: S1-internal

PSY598 Advanced Psychological Assessment - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

KAPLAN-SGP: S1-internal

PSY536 Psychology: Principles and Processes of Psychological Intervention - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

KAPLAN-SGP: S2-internal

PSY544 Psychology: Practical Skills - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

KAPLAN-SGP: S2-internal

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## PREREQUISITES

#### **Advanced Psychological Assessment (PSY598)**

Enrolment in Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych), Psychology with Honours (BA (Hons)) or Psychology with Honours (BSc (Hons)).

#### **Graduate Seminar in Psychology (PSY599)**

Enrolment in Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych)

#### **Psychology Project (PSY541)**

Enrolment in Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych)

#### **Psychology: Practical Skills (PSY544)**

Enrolment in Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych)

#### **Psychology: Principles and Processes of Psychological Intervention (PSY536)**

Enrolment in Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GradDipPsych) G1058, or Psychology with Honours (BA(Hons)) or Psychology with Honours (BSc(Hons))