Psychology

ABOUT PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is concerned with a wide range of phenomena including remembering and forgetting, thinking, problem-solving, learning, the acquisition of skills, language, seeing and hearing, decision-making, verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and emotions. The study of psychology focuses on understanding biological, social and environmental influences on people and societies.

Why Study Psychology in Arts

You will benefit from one of the best scientist-practitioner models of psychological education Australia has to offer, emerging with deep insight into the human mind, and a suite of highly valued professional skills. Upon graduation you will be in a position to make informed choices about pursuing training as a psychologist or apply your current psychological expertise in other psychology-related professions.

What are some of the topics covered in Psychology?

In first year you will take the following foundation units:
» Psychology 1A
» Psychology 1B

In second and third year there are an extensive range of units to choose from. Some of these include:
» Research design and analysis (compulsory)
» Developmental and biological psychology
» Abnormal psychology
» Perception and cognitive psychology
» Psychological testing, theories of ability and ethics

How Psychology fits into your Arts degree

You can study Psychology as a major, minor or as elective units towards your degree. You have the choice of choosing a 60-point APAC accredited major in order to continue with a Masters of Psychology, or a 48 point major to move into other fields which require some expertise in psychology.

Registration as a Psychologist

To practice as a psychologist, you must meet the requirements of the Psychological Board of Australia. The academic requirement for registration is an APAC accredited university degree including four years progressive study in an accredited psychology sequence. On completion of this degree, a graduate may register as a provisional psychologist. The further requirement for full registration is either 480 full-time days of supervised psychological work while registered as a provisional psychologist, or completion of an appropriate masters or doctoral degree including practical experience as a provisional psychologist.

Membership of the Australian Psychological Society

To qualify for a full membership of the Australian Psychological Society, you must complete at least an APAC-accredited six year sequence in psychology. That is, completion of a four-year accredited undergraduate program, plus further postgraduate training in an accredited masters or doctoral program in psychology. Students enrolled in a psychology program accredited by APAC are eligible for student membership.

Career prospects

As a graduate of Psychology you can look forward to many exciting career opportunities. Some of our graduates have gone onto work in fields such as:
» Community agencies
» Market research companies
» Recruitment firms
» Test development corporations
» Education
» Government departments
» Health and welfare services
» Police force, law courts and prisons
» Training and development services
» Private practice

Complementary areas of study

Studying Psychology within an Arts degree means you have the flexibility to build up a degree that reflects your career aspirations. Our psychology students also study complementary fields such as:
» Behavioural Studies
» Anthropology
» Sociology
» Politics
» Marketing
» Criminology
» Linguistics

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