

PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALISATION

WHY PSYCHOLOGY?

Job and career opportunities in the human services are expanding and this trend is likely to continue. Psychology in particular has been predicted to be a growth area for work opportunities. The skills and knowledge developed through a major in psychology are useful in a wide variety of careers, and in dealing with issues and relationships on a day to day basis. Such competencies include knowledge of human behaviour, motivation and cognitive processes, analytical, research and statistical skills, and understanding of relationships and communication. Upon completion of a Bachelor's degree with a specialisation in psychology, students are eligible to apply for an Honours/4th year of study in psychology. Registration as a psychologist requires completion of the 4th year, plus an accredited masters/doctoral sequence.

STRUCTURE OF THE PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALISATION

This specialisation is taken as part of a three year sequence of study in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Psychology or Bachelor of Science degree at either the Footscray Park or St Albans Campus. Units may also be taken as electives within other degree programs. Students are required to complete TEN units including the two first-year units. Only a selection of the second and third-year units are offered each year.

For holders of another Bachelor's degree, the psychology specialisation is available in the Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies.

To complete a Psychology specialisation (formally known as major), students are required to complete TEN (10) units of study. There are eight compulsory units APP1012, APP1013, APP2013, APP2014, APP2101, APP3035, APP3036 and APP3037 and two electives.

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APP1012 Psychology 1A*
APP1013 Psychology 1B*
APP2013 Psychology 2A*
APP2014 Psychology 2B*
APP2101 Intercultural and Developmental Issues in Psychology*
APP3035 Research Methods in Psychology*
APP3036 Histories & Theories in Psychology*
APP3037 Clinical Aspects of Psychology*
APP3015 Counselling Theory and Practice
APP3016 Group Behaviour
APP3018 Organisations and Work
APP3019 Psychobiology
APP3020 Psychoanalysis
APP3021 Psychology of Adjustment
APP3023 Psychological Issues in the Workplace**
APP3025 Psychological Assessment
APP3026 Cognitive Psychology

*compulsory units

** not compulsory in ABPO Bachelor of Psychological studies (Interpersonal & Organisational)

Units offered may vary each year. List of offerings in each academic year is published on the Faculty Student Website: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD

Detailed unit outlines can be obtained from the Victoria University online handbook: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/COURSES

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