## Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours Psychology)

The honours program builds on an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)-accredited undergraduate psychology degree and provides an opportunity for advanced study and research.

### Entry requirements

**Academic entry requirements**

A completed recognised bachelor degree in psychology completed within the past ten years with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 5.0 (on QUT’s 7-point scale).

The degree must be accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as an entry point into an honours program; e.g., Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) at QUT.

Applicants with overseas qualifications must provide certification from the Australian Psychological Society stating their degree is equivalent to APAC-approved, three-year training in psychology. Please note APS advises the average processing time is 8 weeks, therefore applicants with overseas qualifications need to seek certification by no later than July.

### Additional entry requirements

- A grade of at least 4 (on a 7-point scale) for each of the APAC-accredited second and third year psychology units listed below.
- A grade point average of at least 5.3 across all attempts of the listed APAC-accredited second- and third-year psychology units listed below.
- Successful completion of an APAC-accredited advanced statistical analysis unit at third-year level.

The required APAC-accredited second and third year psychology units at QUT are:

- PYB202 Social and organisational psychology
- PYB203 Developmental psychology
- PYB204 Cognition and perception
- PYB210 Research design and data analysis
- PYB304 Physiological psychology
- PYB306 Psychopathology
- PYB309 Individual differences and assessment
- PYB350 Advanced statistical analysis.

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**Kylie Wihardjo**

**Real graduate**

‘The highlight of my degree was being able to work in research with a professor at QUT. We worked on a project looking at beliefs and attitudes toward organ donation in Australia. Understanding why people do the things they do is probably one of the most interesting things about this course.’
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Similar APAC-accredited subjects are required for studies completed at another institution.

Selection process
Entry to this course is competitive as places are limited. All applications will be considered in two groups of:

- QUT’s Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) single and double degree graduates; and
- All other applicants.

Eligible applicants are selected in order of merit based on their APAC accredited second and third year psychology units GPA.

Application dates
- Opening Date: 01 August
- Closing Date: 30 September
Applicants after this date will not be accepted

Course structure
The honours program comprises eight units, which can be completed in full-time or part-time study mode.

Core units include PYH401 Advanced Research Methods, PYH402 Counselling Psychology and PYH407 Research and Professional Development Seminar. There is one elective unit. Students can choose from Cognitive and Neuropsychology or Social and Developmental Psychology as their elective. Core units require 3 contact hours per week, and electives are offered in intensive formats.

This course also includes a research component, which entails an individual thesis. PYH400-1 to 4 Thesis is undertaken in modules throughout the program. Initially students complete a research plan, which sets out the rational and methodology of the project. This is followed by data collection, analysis and writing-up the research thesis. Contact hours for the research component are as required by the project and supervisor.

Career outcomes
Graduates of the fourth-year psychology course have skills that can be applied to a variety of professional areas and may choose career paths in government health services, with private psychology practices, or alternatively in a range of other disciplines including business, justice and administration.

Professional recognition
The honours program provides an APAC-accredited fourth year of training. Graduates of this course are eligible for provisional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Further study of either two years of supervised work experience or the completion of an appropriate higher degree (e.g. Master of Clinical Psychology or Master of Psychology - Educational and Developmental) will allow graduates to be fully accredited and able to obtain registration from the Psychology Board of Australia.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- Equity scholarships scheme

Course requirements
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. You will need to identify these requirements and ensure you allow sufficient time to meet them. Some of these requirements have associated costs.

Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.