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**
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 (APS)** stating their degree is equivalent to the APAC-approved, three-year training in psychology. The APS advises that the average processing time is 8 weeks, therefore applicants with overseas qualifications are strongly encouraged to seek certification by no later than July.

**Additional entry information**
- A grade of at least 4.0 (on QUT’s 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

**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.’
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.

**Closing date**
Entry into this course is competitive and applications have an early closing date of 30 September of the previous year. Applicants will be notified of their application outcomes in mid-December.

**Minimum English requirements**
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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**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 be chose 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. PYH400-1to4 Thesis is undertaken in modules throughout the program. Initially students complete a research plan, which sets out the rational and methodological 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.

**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](#).