Psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour. Registered psychologists use scientific knowledge of human behaviour to assist individuals who are experiencing mental disorders, relationship problems, learning difficulties, addiction and eating disorders, among other things. Psychologists may work in a specific area of psychology such as cognition, neuroscience, or social and developmental behaviour. Psychology graduates have many career choices, using their knowledge of human behaviour to work in a range of fields, including health promotion, marketing, human resources, coaching, policy, and community services. Graduates also work as researchers to provide greater understanding about how people think, feel and react to situations, and to develop new strategies to improve psychological functioning.

**Why choose this course?**
This course provides an excellent foundation for careers in professional areas where an understanding of human physical and emotional behavior is an advantage, and is the first step towards a career as a registered psychologist. QUT allows you to choose from a wide selection of electives, or pair this course with another degree in a complementary area. This distinct flexibility offers you a competitive edge in the workplace.

During this course, you will complete nine elective units. This allows you to build your knowledge in areas of specific interest and emerging areas of employment, for example, organisational psychology and digital technologies. You will select from specialised areas of psychology including alcohol and drug studies, forensic psychology and the law, sexuality and gender, family therapy and community psychology. Elective units may also be from other study areas in the university, such as science, criminology, creative industries and business. Elective units may also be combined to form a minor in another study area.

You may complete a placement in a professional environment that aligns with your career goals. There are opportunities to complete this placement in Australia or overseas.

Our staff have been recognised for excellence in teaching and research. Many are active researchers who are contributing to new knowledge in areas that include mental health and wellbeing interventions, alcohol and substance abuse therapies, community psychology (including refugees and migrants), road safety, and building resilience in
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children and teens.

**Assumed knowledge**
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas

- English

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA). Recommended Study: Maths A, B or C.

**Careers and outcomes**
Graduates of this course have skills that can be applied to a variety of professional areas.

The analytical, interpersonal and research skills are ideal for careers in education, human resources, market research, organisational development, policing, public health, human services and counselling.

To pursue a career as a registered psychologist, you must be registered with the Psychology Board of Australia. Currently this involves completing a fourth year of study in psychology plus two years of supervised work experience or two years of further study.

**Double degrees**
Combine two bachelor degrees into a single course of study. A double degree allows you to specialise in two fields and pursue different interest areas, gaining a broader range of skills and knowledge, and giving you a competitive advantage and greater career flexibility.

Consider the following double degrees with a Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology):

- **Business**: gain knowledge and skills to add business acumen to roles as a market researcher, human resources manager or training and development consultant.
- **Law**: pursue a career as a lawyer or psychologist in legal, corporate, government, mental health or clinical health environments, or in the development of mental health legal policies, or in research in the legal-psychological domain.
- **Justice**: your psychology and justice qualifications will position you for a career in policy development, criminal justice institutions, rehabilitation and family services.
- **Social Work**: combine psychology and social work to work in community services, counselling and family-centred intervention, mental health services, drug and alcohol intervention, or disability services.

- **Nursing**: use your skills to work as a nurse in a range of areas including emergency, mental health, palliative care, or cancer departments.

**Professional recognition**
The Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council as providing a three-year undergraduate level of training in psychology.

Students who complete the Counselling Practice and Skills Minor can obtain a Level 1 accreditation with the Australian Counselling Association.

**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.

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