



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

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# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology

BA (Hons) (Psych)

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## 2. AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

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1	June 2023	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology introduced	

### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology Program has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

#### 4.2 Student Availability

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology Program is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology Program is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

#### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Honours Programs is one (1) years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete an Honours Program part-time is available.

#### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete an Honours Program is four (4) years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

#### 4.6 Study Mode

Honours Programs are offered in internal study mode.

#### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology is accredited with the Australian Psychology Accrediting Council (APAC) as a level 2 program for pathway to registration.

### 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### 5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the University's minimum requirements for admission. The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

#### 5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Honours programs applicants must also meet the following specific requirements:

5.2.1. A Bachelor's degree within the last five years, including:

5.2.1.1. An accredited three-year sequence in Psychology

5.2.1.2. A distinction average or higher in Psychology and strong performance across the Bachelors program.

## 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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There are no practicum requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Honours) is a one-year degree for high-achieving students who have completed a Bachelor's degree with an accredited three-year sequence in psychology. Students will advance in knowledge and skills in both the applied and research components of psychology. Students will deepen their knowledge of psychological assessment, evidence-based interventions, professional issues, and ethics as well as practice competencies such as interviewing, report writing, supervision and case preparation. Under expert supervision, students gain experience conducting a substantive research project, from the initial stages of formulating research questions and hypotheses to data collection, analysis and reporting findings.

Graduates achieve the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council pre-professional competencies as a pathway to a postgraduate qualification and provisional registration in psychology and/or higher degree research in the field of psychology.

### 7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of one of the Honours Programs graduates will be able to:

1. Critically and systematically evaluate relevant theory, concepts, methodologies, and evidence to assess and provide solutions to complex problems in psychology with intellectual independence (2.3)
2. Apply coherent and advanced knowledge of research design and analysis strategies and techniques to effectively interpret research findings in psychology (2.1, 2.3, 2.5)
3. Analyse and interpret psychological information to select assessment tools appropriate to solving complex problems in psychological practice (S1, 2.1, 2.3).
4. Explain how psychological interventions can be applied to safely foster the wellbeing of people across the lifespan and different cultural contexts (S1, 2.2, 2.4)
5. Demonstrate advanced communication and interpersonal skills in situations appropriate to psychological practice and research (2.2).
6. Apply reflective practices and cultural responsiveness to critically evaluate different perspectives on theory, practice, and application (S1, 2.2).
7. Design and undertake an independent and sustained research project in psychology to generate new knowledge (2.1, 2.5).

### 7.3. Required Courses

- (a) To be eligible for the award of Honours, students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, including supervised research and coursework. See Appendix A for required and elective courses of the Programs.
- (b) Students who have not previously completed University core curriculum must complete PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person.

### 7.4 Compulsory Honours coursework courses

- (a) To be eligible for the award of Honours, students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, including supervised research and coursework. See Appendix A for required and elective courses of the Programs.

### 7.5. Compulsory Research component

- (a) A student must submit a research proposal and, if applicable, an ethics application to the School of Arts and Sciences within the first semester of enrolment in an Honours Program.

- (b) Students must submit for examination an Honours-level thesis of between 15,000 and 18,000 words.

#### **7.6. Other Components of the Honours Program**

Students are required to present at the School of Arts & Sciences Research Conference in each semester of their enrolment.

#### **7.7. Examination of a Research Component**

The research thesis is examined by at least two examiners, one of whom must be external to the School.

#### **7.8. Progress within Honours**

Students may be terminated from their Honours Program due to non-attendance at seminars or coursework courses or as a result of failing any course within the Program.

#### **7.9. Ranking of Honours Programs**

The ranking on all Honours programs (eg: First or Second-Class Honours) will be awarded in accordance with the General Regulations.

#### **7.10 Awarding Honours**

Honours Programs are graded Awards.

The final grade of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology Program will be weighted as follows:

- Thesis outcome 50%
- Coursework 50%

#### **7.11 Course substitutions**

Course substitutions must be approved by the Head of School or delegate.

## **8. DEFINITIONS**

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For the purpose of these Requirements, the following terms are defined in the General Regulations:

- Course
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Honours
- Thesis

## 9. APPENDIX A: PROGRAM PLAN

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) IN PSYCHOLOGY

Units of Credit

**Students must complete the following courses:**

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| • PSYC4003 Professional Thesis A                           | 50 |
| • PSYC4004 Professional Thesis B                           | 50 |
| • PSYC4000 Advanced Research Methods                       | 25 |
| • PSYC4002 Professional Practice, Principles and Processes | 25 |
| • PSYC4005 Psychological Assessment                        | 25 |

**Students who have not previously completed the university's core curriculum must also complete 25 units of credit from PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person.**

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**OR**

**Students who have previously completed the university's core curriculum will complete 25 units of credit from Honours electives:**

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- PSYC4001 Applications of Psychology *or*
- PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person

**To a total of 200 units of credit**

200