



HONOURS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Take your understanding of human behaviour to the next level. Study for a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Psychology.

- Study in world-class facilities, including specialised psychology laboratories.
- Learn from lecturers with international reputations as leaders in the field.
- Develop transferrable skills in creative and critical thinking, analysis, and communication.
- Expand your knowledge of, and contribute to, the science behind human behaviour.
- Complete an independent research project.

The School of Psychology offers fascinating courses at postgraduate level, each of which will allow you to develop advanced skills. You might study abnormal, behavioural, cross-cultural, forensic, or social psychology—or a combination of different fields.

A Bachelor of Science with Honours in Psychology will set you up for a career in industry, government, education, public health, or mental health. Alternatively, you might wish to continue with Master's study or pursue a career in academia with a PhD.

WHO CAN APPLY

You will need to have completed an undergraduate degree majoring in Psychology. This could be in either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science. You will need to have a B+ average across your four best 300-level Psychology courses as well as a satisfactory pass in PSYC 325 Research Methods in Psychology or equivalent.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Honour's programme is usually one year of full-time study, over Trimesters 1 and 2. You can, with approval, complete it over two years but cannot extend beyond that. The programme comprises:

- **PSYC 489 Research Project** (30 points): An individual research project supervised by a staff member that is usually completed within Trimesters 1 and 2 of the same year.
- A further 90 points from 400-level Psychology courses. These may be in behavioural, clinical, cognitive, cross-cultural, developmental, forensic, neuroscientific, or social psychology.

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EMMA TENNENT

Student, Doctor of Philosophy
in Psychology

“I carried out my Honours’ project in 2015 and I analysed celebrity feminism, which was (and still is) a topical and contentious issue. I was lucky enough to shape my project to explore the things that mattered to me personally. It felt exciting to research such an important issue. Plus, I got to read blogs about celebrity feminism, which felt more like fun than work!

“At the start of the year, I didn’t really know what to expect. The Honours’ programme is definitely hard work, and challenging, but I forged enduring friendships and gained a taste for what it’s like to do research. The research project is an amazing opportunity to spend a whole year producing new research and working one-on-one with an academic.”

POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY

Postgraduate study will help you build valuable relationships and networks with peers, university staff, and future colleagues. You can attend events, seminars, workshops, and social functions as part of a thriving academic environment. You may also have the opportunity to tutor or volunteer in a psychology lab and gain valuable work experience.

The School of Psychology has a vibrant student community where you can find valuable support during your studies. Classes are small, so there is a lot of interaction with other students and lecturers.

LIVING IN WELLINGTON

Wellington is a diverse, creative, and compact capital city. The University is located very close to New Zealand’s government and many of our previous graduates have gone on to work in government departments and ministries. We have links with health organisations and other institutes, which provide opportunities to network.

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