

FURTHER STUDY

After completing a bachelor degree, students may apply to enter a fourth-year program. Two fourth-year programs are offered:

- Psychology honours is an accredited program which provides training in research, advanced theoretical topics and an introduction to professional training, and is required for entry to professional training and postgraduate study in psychology. Admission to the honours program is based on academic merit.
- The Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Counselling is offered to students seeking alternative applied training. It equips students with the skills and knowledge required for employment in a range of rehabilitation counselling roles and is a full fee-paying course. It is not an accredited fourth-year psychology program.

Following completion of a fourth-year program in psychology, further studies can be undertaken at masters or doctoral level in a professional training program, e.g. clinical psychology or a research higher degree.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) requires a four-year accredited degree followed by at least a two-year postgraduate degree. To register as a psychologist in Tasmania, either a four-year accredited degree followed by appropriate supervised experience, or two years of postgraduate training, is required.

Undergraduate, honours and postgraduate programs offered by the School of Psychology are accredited by the APS. The Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Counselling is accredited by the Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors (ASORC).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum university entry requirements apply. There is no prerequisite for enrolment in first-year psychology. Students will need to meet the entry requirements for their intended degree program. Mid-year entry is also possible.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Full details of courses are published in the University of Tasmania *Course and Unit Handbook*. Go to the University's website www.utas.edu.au/handbook

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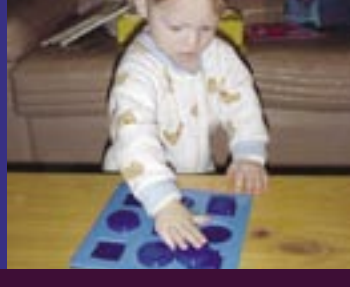


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DID YOU KNOW

that when you fall in love, your brain produces a chemical, phenylethylamine (PEA), which gives you a natural 'high'?

You can also get a non-romantic dose of PEA from activities like skydiving or by eating chocolate.



PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour, human experience and mental processes. It considers explanations and causes of behaviour and applies that knowledge to help individuals and groups in clinical settings, education, employment and the community. Psychologists study both normal and abnormal behaviour and the mental processes of individuals from early childhood to old age.

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

The skills and knowledge gained through studying psychology provide a sound basis for careers in areas where good communication and interpersonal skills, as well as well-developed research and analytical abilities, are vital. Graduates with a psychology major find employment in the public sector and in business, in areas such as:

- health and human services
- education
- social services and community welfare
- employment and training
- management and marketing

Employment opportunities for graduates with fourth-year and postgraduate training in psychology include:

- clinical psychology
- child and adolescent services
- sport psychology
- rehabilitation services
- educational guidance
- disability services
- organisational psychology
- the defence forces
- forensic services

WHAT MAKES US DISTINCTIVE?

Students at the University of Tasmania have the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills and conduct research in focus areas:

- Applied psychology – hazard management, work-related trauma, conflict resolution, achievement behaviour, psychology and law, and social development;

- Clinical and health psychology – psychophysiology of disordered behaviours, rehabilitation, and health-related behaviours;
- Cognitive neuroscience – cognitive psychophysiology, motor control, neuropsychology, and visual neuroscience.

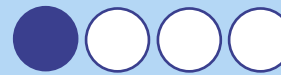
STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY

At the University of Tasmania, psychology is generally studied as a major in degree programs for arts, science and commerce, or within the specialised four-year Bachelor of Psychology program. Elective studies in psychology can also be undertaken in other degree programs including health science, medical research, social science (police studies), computing and information systems, business administration, education and fine arts. The degree you choose will depend primarily on the other subjects you wish to study.

To complete a major sequence in psychology, students need to study psychology units totalling 100-150% in weight. Students planning a career in psychology need to complete an accredited major (150%) within an arts, science or commerce degree (see below), or the Bachelor of Psychology program.

PROGRAM MAP

Year 1: Psychology (25%)
other subjects (75%)



Year 2: Psychology (25-50%)
other subjects (25-50%)



Year 3: Psychology (25-75%)
other major (25-75%)



Year 4: Psychology honours (100%)

Year 5 onwards: Specialist professional training
or research higher degree

Graduates from other disciplines who wish to complete undergraduate studies in psychology can do so through the Graduate Diploma of Science.

COURSE CONTENT

In the first year of study, students are introduced to the core areas of psychology, providing the foundation for more advanced study at second or third year. Core topics include:

- learning, memory and cognition
- clinical and abnormal psychology
- social psychology
- lifespan developmental psychology
- biological bases of behaviour
- sensation and perception
- individual differences in abilities and personality
- research methods in psychology
- psychological assessment and testing

Applied topics are introduced at second and third year, including:

- health and rehabilitation psychology
- clinical neuropsychology
- educational psychology
- organisational psychology
- psychology and law
- counselling and conflict resolution
- community and environmental psychology

Practical work is an important component of the undergraduate program, providing students with the opportunity to develop sound research, analytical and reporting skills.

