# **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**

#### includes:

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
Bachelor of Psychology [Exit Point Only]

The Bachelor of Psychology is a four year Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited degree. The course aims are based on the Standards provided by APAC (2010) and the CSU Degree Initiative Design Principles. In general, the course aims to both provide graduates with the academic requirements for registration as a Psychologist (the professional aim) and an understanding of the basis of human behaviour (the disciplinary aim). These aims include providing students with a number of analytic and service directed skills that will have relevance to a broad range of employment areas including research. Specifically, the Bachelor of Psychology aims to provide students with an education in the discipline of psychology and an introduction to the application of psychology as well as to develop competence in research.

## The course includes the following awards:

Bachelor of Psychology BPsych

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) BPsych(Hons)

#### **Course Study Modes and Locations**

**Bachelor of Psychology (1425PY)** 

Distance Education - Bathurst

On Campus - Bathurst

On Campus - Port Macquarie

On Campus - Wagga Wagga

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

#### Normal course duration

Bachelor of Psychology [Exit Point Only]

Full-time 4 years (8.0 sessions)

All students have the opportunity to include subjects offered in Session 3 in their enrolment as desired. On-campus students may take advantage of the accelerated enrolment patterns set out for the Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) course in order to complete the first three years of this course over two calendar years. Students who choose this option will need to ensure that they satisfy the Bachelor of Psychology course requirements. They will not be able to base any claim of special consideration on their chosen study pattern e.g., as it may relate to academic performance and progression to fourth year or transfer to Honours. This option will allow on-campus students to complete this course over a total of three calendar years. Students may transfer to the Honours Stream at the end of the equivalent of 3.0 years full time (i.e. all 24 level 1 - 3 subjects including elective and minor subjects) if the GPA requirement is met.

#### **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**

Full-time 4.0 years (8.0 sessions)

All students have the opportunity to include subjects offered in Session 3 in their enrolment as desired. On-campus students may take advantage of the accelerated enrolment patterns set out for the Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) course in order to complete the first three years of this course over two calendar years. Students who choose this option will need to ensure that they satisfy the Bachelor of Psychology course requirements. They will not be able to base any claim of special consideration on their chosen study pattern e.g., as it may relate to academic performance and progression to fourth year or transfer to Honours. This option will allow on-campus students to complete this course over three calendar years.

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

#### Admission criteria

CSU Admission Policy

#### **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**

Admission to the Honours stream is based upon performance in the level 2 and 3 core PSY subjects.

#### Credit

**CSU Credit Policy** 

**Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)** 

No special arrangements apply

#### **Articulation**

The Honours and Bachelor [Exit Point Only] make up an articulated set of courses and credit is given in each higher level course for the subjects completed in the lower.

## **Graduation requirements**

#### **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 256 points.

#### Bachelor of Psychology [Exit Point Only]

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 256 points.

#### **Course Structure**

The Bachelor of Psychology/Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) is a four year degree that splits into two strands in fourth year, a pass strand and an honours strand. Progression into fourth year is dependent upon a high level of academic performance. Students who do not meet the criteria for progression into fourth year will transfer to and graduate from the Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) which is a three year degree.

## The pass strand comprises:

- 19 core psychology subjects (8 points each);
- two compulsory sociology subjects (8 points each);
- a minor of six subjects from a cognate discipline (48 points in total), one of which must be a Level 3 subject;
- two electives (8 points each); and
- a research project (24 points)

## The Honours strand comprises:

- •18 core psychology subjects (8 points each);
- two compulsory sociology subjects (8 points each);
- a minor of six subjects from a cognate discipline (48 points in total), one of which must be a Level 3 subject;

- two electives (8 points each); and
- a dissertation (32 points)

### Core Level 1 to 3 Subjects

PSY101Foundations of Psychology 1

PSY102Foundations of Psychology 2

PSY114Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction

PSY201Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY202Developmental Psychology

PSY203Social Psychology

PSY204Psychological Testing

PSY208Biopsychology

PSY301 Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology\*

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods\*

PSY304Psychopathology

PSY305Psychology of Personality

**PSY307**Cognition

PSY308Psychology of Learning

## **Compulsory Sociology Subjects**

SOC101 Introductory Sociology

SOC102 Social Inequality

#### Minor

Students must take a minor of six subjects, at least one of which must be at Level 3, in one of the discipline areas listed below. Subjects are delivered internally at the campus or campuses specified in parentheses, however all minor sequences are also available by distance education.

- Biology (Wagga Wagga)
- English (Bathurst & Wagga Wagga)
- History and Politics (Bathurst & Wagga Wagga)
- Human Resource Management (Bathurst, Port Macquarie & Wagga Wagga)
- Indigenous Studies (Distance Education only)
- Information Technology (Bathurst & Wagga Wagga)
- Justice Studies (Bathurst & Port Macquarie)
- Management (Bathurst, Port Macquarie & Wagga Wagga)
- Marketing (Bathurst, Port Macquarie & Wagga Wagga)
- Mathematics and Statistics (Wagga Wagga)

<sup>\*</sup> Students studying by distance education attend a compulsory residential school for this subject

- Philosophy (Wagga Wagga)
- Social Welfare (Wagga Wagga)
- Sociology (Wagga Wagga)

**Note**: Students who choose Sociology as a minor complete four sociology subjects (one of which must be a Level 3 subject) in addition to the two compulsory sociology subjects (SOC101 and SOC102); they will need to choose four electives.

Details of the subjects included in each of these minors may be obtained from psychadmin@csu.edu.au. On-campus students may have to complete some or all subjects in their chosen minor by distance education mode. Students may take any six subjects from one of the areas listed provided they meet the prerequisites/assumed knowledge requirements and include at least one Level 3 subject. A minor in another discipline may be taken with the approval of the Course Coordinator: email psychadmin@csu.edu.au

#### **Electives**

The two electives (four if the minor is in Sociology) can be chosen from any of the discipline areas listed above or from the following psychology electives:

PSY211Psychology of Crime

PSY214Health Psychology

PSY218Psychology of Substance Abuse

PSY219Psychology International Experience

PSY313Psychology and the Legal System

PSY316Psychology of Stress and Trauma

#### **Pass Strand**

Progression into the pass strand requires a Grade Point Average (GPA) of between 5.0 and 5.99 calculated across Level 2 and 3 core psychology subjects (11), and a minimum GPA of 5.0 for the Level 3 core psychology subjects (6). Students who satisfy these criteria will complete:

PSY404Psychological Assessment\*

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology\*

PSY436Research Project (24 points)\*

PSY437Counselling Theory and Practice\*

and two of:

PSY421 Clinical Psychology - Treatment\*

PSY422Forensic Psychology\*

PSY423 Industrial/Organisational Psychology\*

PSY425Cognitive Neuroscience\*

PSY427Issues in Health Psychology\*

<u>PSY429</u>Psychology Advanced Topics\*

<sup>\*</sup> Students attend a compulsory residential school for this subject

#### **Honours Strand**

Progression into the honours strand requires a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 6.0 calculated across Level 2 and 3 core psychology subjects (11), and a minimum GPA of 5.0 for the Level 3 core psychology subjects (6). Students who satisfy these requirements, and whose application to transfer into the Honours strand is successful, will complete:

PSY404Psychological Assessment\*

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology\*

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)\*

and two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment\*

PSY422Forensic Psychology\*

PSY423Industrial/Organisational Psychology\*

PSY425 Cognitive Neuroscience\*

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology\*

PSY429Psychology Advanced Topics\*

## **Key Subjects**

PSY101 Foundations of Psychology 1

PSY102 Foundations of Psychology 2

PSY201Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY204Psychological Testing

PSY301Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods

#### **Enrolment Pattern**

#### **Suggested Enrolment Patterns**

The following enrolment patterns illustrate how the course is usually completed at a full-time rate over four years for on-campus students, and at a part-time rate over eight years for distance education students. On-campus students may take advantage of the accelerated enrolment patterns set out for the Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) course, in order to complete the first three years of this course over two calendar years. Students who choose this option will need to ensure that they satisfy the Bachelor of Psychology course requirements. They will not be able to base any claim of special consideration on their chosen study pattern e.g., as it may relate to academic performance and progression to fourth year or transfer to Honours.

#### **Full-time On campus (Bathurst)**

#### Year 1

<sup>\*</sup> Students attend a compulsory residential school for this subject

#### Session 1

PSY101 Foundations of Psychology 1

SOC101Introductory Sociology

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY102Foundations of Psychology 2

SOC102 Social Inequality

PSY114Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction\*

[] Minor or Elective

#### Year 2

#### Session 1

PSY201 Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY202 Developmental Psychology

PSY208Biopsychology

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY203Social Psychology

PSY204Psychological Testing

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

#### Year 3

#### Session 1

PSY301 Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY304Psychopathology

PSY305Psychology of Personality

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods

PSY307Cognition

PSY308Psychology of Learning

[] Minor or Elective

#### Year 4

All Level 4 psychology subjects are offered in distance education mode and require attendance at compulsory residential schools.

## **Pass Stream via Bathurst**

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points) (commenced)

<sup>\*</sup> indicates subject is offered in the distance education mode only

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420 Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422Forensic Psychology

**PSY425**Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429 Psychology Advanced Topics

## Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)^

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)^

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423 Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

^compulsory residential school held at Bathurst campus

#### **Honours Stream via Bathurst**

#### Session 1

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY424 Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422Forensic Psychology

PSY425Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429Psychology Advanced Topics

## Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga

#### Session 1

<u>PSY424</u>Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)# Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420 Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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## On campus (Port Macquarie)

#### Year 1

#### Session 1

PSY101Foundations of Psychology 1

SOC101 Introductory Sociology

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY102Foundations of Psychology 2

SOC102Social Inequality\*

PSY114Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction\*

[] Minor or Elective

### Year 2

#### **Session 1**

PSY201 Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY202Developmental Psychology

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY203Social Psychology

PSY204Psychological Testing

PSY208Biopsychology\*

[] Minor or Elective

## Year 3

### Session 1

PSY301Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY305Psychology of Personality

PSY308Psychology of Learning \*

[ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

**PSY307**Cognition

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods

PSY304Psychopathology\*

- [] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective
- \* indicates subject is offered in the distance education mode only

#### Year 4

All Level 4 psychology subjects are offered in distance education mode and require attendance at compulsory residential schools.

#### Pass Stream via Bathurst

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422Forensic Psychology

**PSY425**Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429 Psychology Advanced Topics

## Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)^

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)^

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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## **Honours Stream via Bathurst**

#### Session 1

PSY424 Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

#### Two of:

PSY421 Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422 Forensic Psychology

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#### Session 1

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)#

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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## On campus (Wagga Wagga)

#### Year 1

#### Session 1

PSY101Foundations of Psychology 1

SOC101Introductory Sociology

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY102Foundations of Psychology 2

**SOC102**Social Inequality

PSY114Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction\*

[] Minor or Elective

#### Year 2

#### Session 1

PSY201 Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY202Developmental Psychology

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY203Social Psychology

PSY204Psychological Testing

PSY208Biopsychology\*

[] Minor or Elective

#### Year 3

#### Session 1

PSY301Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY305 Psychology of Personality

[ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

[ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods

PSY304Psychopathology

**PSY307**Cognition

PSY308 Psychology of Learning

[ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

\* indicates subject is offered in the distance education mode only

#### Year 4

All Level 4 psychology subjects are offered in distance education mode and require attendance at compulsory residential schools.

## Pass Stream via Bathurst

#### Session 1

<u>PSY436</u>Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points) (completed)

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422Forensic Psychology

PSY425Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429 Psychology Advanced Topics

## Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)^

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)^

Two of

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423 Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420 Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

^compulsory residential school held at Bathurst campus

#### **Honours Stream via Bathurst**

#### Session 1

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY424 Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422 Forensic Psychology

**PSY425**Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429Psychology Advanced Topics

## Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga

#### Session 1

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)#

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423 Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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#### **Distance education**

## Year 1

#### Session 1

PSY101 Foundations of Psychology 1

SOC101 Introductory Sociology

#### Session 2

PSY102Foundations of Psychology 2

SOC102Social Inequality

#### Year 2

## Session 1

PSY202 Developmental Psychology

[] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY114Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction

[] Minor or Elective

#### Year 3

## Session 1

PSY201 Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY204Psychological Testing

#### Session 2

- [] Minor or Elective
- [] Minor or Elective

#### Year 4

#### Session 1

- [] Minor or Elective
- [] Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY203Social Psychology

PSY208Biopsychology

#### Years 5-6

Students must complete:

PSY301Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology (Session 1)

PSY304Psychopathology (Session 2)

PSY305Psychology of Personality (Session 1)

PSY307Cognition (Session 2)

PSY308Psychology of Learning (Session 1)

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods (Session 2)

## Year 5

#### **Session 1**

PSY301Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology (residential school)

[ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

PSY309Qualitative Research Methods (residential school)

[ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

#### Year 6

#### Session 1

- [] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective
- [ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

#### Session 2

- [ ] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective
- [] Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective

#### Years 7-8

All Level 4 psychology subjects are offered in distance education mode and require attendance at compulsory residential schools.

#### Pass Stream via Bathurst

#### Year 7

#### Session 1

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420 Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422 Forensic Psychology

PSY425 Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429 Psychology Advanced Topics

#### Year 8

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

<u>PSY437</u>Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)

## Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437 Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

#### Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga

## Year 7

#### Session 1

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Year 8

#### Session 1

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(commenced)^

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)<sup>^</sup>

#### Session 2

PSY436Research Project (24 points)(completed)

PSY437Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

^compulsory residential school held at Bathurst campus

#### **Honours Stream via Bathurst**

#### Year 7

#### Session 1

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Session 2

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422 Forensic Psychology

PSY425Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY429 Psychology Advanced Topics

#### Year 8

## Session 1

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

#### Session 2

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

## Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga

#### Year 7

#### Session 1

Two of:

PSY421Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY423Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

#### Session 2

PSY404Psychological Assessment

PSY420Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

#### Year 8

#### Session 1

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)#

#### Session 2

PSY424Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

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#### **Residential School**

Please note that the following subjects may have a residential school component.

PSY301 Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY309 Qualitative Research Methods

PSY404 Psychological Assessment

PSY420 Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

PSY421 Clinical Psychology - Treatment

PSY422 Forensic Psychology

PSY423 Industrial / Organisational Psychology

PSY424 Psychology Honours Dissertation

PSY425 Cognitive Science

PSY427 Issues in Health Psychology

PSY429 Psychology Advanced Topics

PSY436 Research Project

PSY437 Counselling Theory and Practice

Enrolled students can find further information about CSU residential schools via the <u>About Residential School</u> page.

#### Accreditation

The accrediting body for all psychology courses is the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council. The peak professional body is the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

#### Contact

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or email inquiry@csu.edu.au

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