

Graduate Diploma of Psychology

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The Graduate Diploma of Psychology course aims to both provide graduates with the academic requirements for entry into a fourth year programme and subsequent registration as a Psychologist (the professional aim) and an understanding of the basis of human behaviour (the disciplinary aim). Specifically, these aims include providing students with a number of highly advanced analytic and professional service-directed skills that will have relevance to a broad range of employment areas including research. Further, this course aims to provide graduates of a cognate discipline with an advanced level of knowledge and skills in psychology required for further professional study.

The course includes the following awards:

Graduate Diploma of Psychology *GradDipPsych*

Course Study Modes and Locations

Graduate Diploma of Psychology (1615PS)

Distance Education - Bathurst

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

Normal course duration

Graduate Diploma of Psychology

Full-time 1.0 years (2.0 sessions)

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](#)

Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an appropriate tertiary institution and must have completed subjects PSY101 and PSY102 or their equivalents.

Credit

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

To conform to the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) requirements, credit for psychology subjects taken at other institutions can only be granted for equivalent subjects in APAC accredited courses.

- a) Credit in the Graduate Diploma of Psychology will normally be given for any individual psychology subjects studied within the last ten years that were part of an APAC accredited university undergraduate program. The maximum number of credits is four subjects. (Students should indicate which subjects they would like to receive credit for and provide a subject description from the handbook.)
- b) Students whose psychology major is more than 10 years old will normally meet prerequisites for entry only.

Where students did not receive grades of Credit or better in previously studied psychology subjects, careful consideration should be given to whether or not credit is applied for for those subjects as they may lower the overall GPA for entry to fourth year programs.

Also where a student's PSY101 and PSY102 (or equivalent) is more than 10 years old students should obtain a recent copy of a first year psychology text and refamiliarise themselves with the basic principles of psychology.

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 64 points.

Course Structure

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Psychology will be required to complete eight psychology subjects, each worth eight points. [The core first year psychology subjects from the Bachelor of Psychology (or their equivalents) are prerequisites for entry into this course].

Compulsory Subjects

[PSY451](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY454](#) Psychological Testing

[PSY458](#) Biopsychology

[PSY461](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology*

[PSY465](#) Psychology of Personality

[PSY469](#)Qualitative Research Methods*

Restricted Electives

One of:

[PSY452](#)Developmental Psychology

[PSY453](#)Social Psychology

Plus one of:

[PSY464](#)Psychopathology

[PSY467](#)Cognition

[PSY468](#)Psychology of Learning

* There is a compulsory residential school (Bathurst Campus) associated with this subject.

Key Subjects

[PSY451](#)Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY454](#)Psychological Testing

[PSY461](#)Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY469](#)Qualitative Research Methods

Enrolment Pattern

February Intake

Year 1

Session 1

[PSY451](#)Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY454](#)Psychological Testing

Session 2

[PSY453](#)Social Psychology

[PSY458](#)Biopsychology

Year 2

Session 1

[PSY461](#)Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology*

[PSY465](#)Psychology of Personality

Session 2

[PSY469](#)Qualitative Research Methods*

and one of:

[PSY464](#)Psychopathology

[PSY467](#)Cognition

Mid-Year Intake

Year 1

Session 2

[PSY453](#) Social Psychology

[PSY458](#) Biopsychology

Year 2

Session 1

[PSY451](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY454](#) Psychological Testing

Session 2

[PSY469](#) Qualitative Research Methods*

and one of:

[PSY464](#) Psychopathology

[PSY467](#) Cognition

Year 3

Session 1

[PSY461](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology*

[PSY465](#) Psychology of Personality

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Flexible Enrolment Pattern

Students may plan their own enrolment pattern using the schedule of subject availability below, subject to satisfying course requirements and subject prerequisites/assumed knowledge requirements.

Session 1

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[PSY452](#) Developmental Psychology

[PSY454](#) Psychological Testing

[PSY461](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology *

[PSY465](#) Psychology of Personality

[PSY468](#) Psychology of Learning

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[PSY453](#) Social Psychology

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Residential School

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

PSY461 Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

PSY469 Qualitative Research Methods

Enrolled students can find further information about CSU residential schools via the [About Residential School](#) page.

Accreditation

The Graduate Diploma of Psychology has been accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as providing a three year sequence of study in psychology.

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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