

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

includes:

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

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)

Part-time 8.0 years (16.0 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.

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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*]

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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

PSY101	Foundations of Psychology 1
PSY102	Foundations of Psychology 2
PSY114	Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction
PSY201	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology
PSY202	Developmental Psychology
PSY203	Social Psychology
PSY204	Psychological Testing
PSY208	Biopsychology
PSY301	Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology*
PSY309	Qualitative Research Methods*
PSY304	Psychopathology
PSY305	Psychology of Personality
PSY307	Cognition
PSY308	Psychology of Learning

* Students studying by distance education attend a compulsory residential school for this subject

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)
- Communication (Bathurst• History and Politics (Bathurst & Wagga Wagga)
- Human Resource Management (Bathurst, Port Macquarie & Wagga Wagga)
- 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)
- 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:

[PSY211](#) Psychology of Crime

[PSY214](#) Health Psychology

[PSY218](#) Psychology of Substance Abuse

[PSY219](#) Psychology International Experience

[PSY313](#) Psychology and the Legal System

[PSY316](#) Psychology 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:

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment*

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology*

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)*

[PSY437](#) Counselling Theory and Practice*

and two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology – Treatment*

[PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology*

[PSY423](#) Industrial/Organisational Psychology*

[PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience*

[PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology*

[PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics*

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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:

- [PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment*
- [PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology*
- [PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)*

and two of:

- [PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment*
- [PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology*
- [PSY423](#) Industrial/Organisational Psychology*
- [PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience*
- [PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology*
- [PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics*

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Key Subjects

- [PSY101](#) Foundations of Psychology 1
- [PSY102](#) Foundations of Psychology 2
- [PSY201](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology
- [PSY204](#) Psychological Testing
- [PSY301](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology
- [PSY309](#) Qualitative 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

Session 1

- [PSY101](#) Foundations of Psychology 1
- [SOC101](#) Introductory Sociology

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

Session 2[PSY102](#) Foundations of Psychology 2[SOC102](#) Social Inequality[PSY114](#) Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction*

[] Minor or Elective

Year 2**Session 1**[PSY201](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology[PSY202](#) Developmental Psychology[PSY208](#) Biopsychology

[] Minor or Elective

Session 2[PSY203](#) Social Psychology[PSY204](#) Psychological Testing

[] Minor or Elective

[] Minor or Elective

Year 3**Session 1**[PSY301](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology[PSY304](#) Psychopathology[PSY305](#) Psychology of Personality

[] Minor or Elective

Session 2[PSY309](#) Qualitative Research Methods[PSY307](#) Cognition[PSY308](#) Psychology of Learning

[] Minor or Elective

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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**[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(commenced)[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology**Session 2**[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

Two of:

- [PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment
- [PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology
- [PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience
- [PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics

Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga

Session 1

- [PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(commenced)^
- [PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)^

Two of:

- [PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment
- [PSY423](#) Industrial / Organisational Psychology
- [PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

- [PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)
- [PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^
- [PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment
- [PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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Honours Stream via Bathurst

Session 1

- [PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)
- [PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment
- [PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

- [PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

Two of:

- [PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment
- [PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology
- [PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience
- [PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics

Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga

Session 1

- [PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)#

Two of:

- [PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment
- [PSY423](#) Industrial / Organisational Psychology
- [PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

- [PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)
- [PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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On campus (Port Macquarie)

Year 1

Session 1

[PSY101](#) Foundations of Psychology 1

[SOC101](#) Introductory Sociology

Minor or Elective

Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY102](#) Foundations of Psychology 2

[SOC102](#) Social Inequality*

[PSY114](#) Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction*

Minor or Elective

Year 2

Session 1

[PSY201](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY202](#) Developmental Psychology

Minor or Elective

Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY203](#) Social Psychology

[PSY204](#) Psychological Testing

[PSY208](#) Biopsychology*

Minor or Elective

Year 3

Session 1

[PSY301](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY305](#) Psychology of Personality

[PSY308](#) Psychology of Learning *

Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY307](#) Cognition

[PSY309](#) Qualitative Research Methods

[PSY304](#) Psychopathology*

Minor or Elective

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Year 4

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Pass Stream via Bathurst

Session 1

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

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[PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics

Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga

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[PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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Honours Stream via Bathurst

Session 1

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

Two of:

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Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga

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Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

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[PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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On campus (Wagga Wagga)

Year 1

Session 1

[PSY101](#) Foundations of Psychology 1

[SOC101](#) Introductory Sociology

Minor or Elective

Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY102](#) Foundations of Psychology 2

[SOC102](#) Social Inequality

[PSY114](#) Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction*

Minor or Elective

Year 2

Session 1

[PSY201](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY202](#) Developmental Psychology

Minor or Elective

Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY203](#) Social Psychology

[PSY204](#) Psychological Testing

[PSY208](#) Biopsychology*

Minor or Elective

Year 3

Session 1

[PSY301](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

[PSY304](#) Psychopathology

[PSY305](#) Psychology of Personality

[] Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY309](#) Qualitative Research Methods

[PSY307](#) Cognition

[PSY308](#) Psychology of Learning

[] Minor or Elective

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Year 4

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Pass Stream via Bathurst

Session 1

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology

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[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

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Honours Stream via Bathurst**Session 1**

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology

[PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience

[PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics

Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga**Session 1**

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)#

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY423](#) Industrial / Organisational Psychology

[PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics 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

[PSY102](#) Foundations of Psychology 2

[SOC102](#) Social Inequality

Year 2**Session 1**

[PSY202](#) Developmental Psychology

[] Minor or Elective

Session 2

[PSY114](#) Indigenous Australians and Psychology: An Introduction

[] Minor or Elective

Year 3**Session 1**[PSY201](#) Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology[PSY204](#) Psychological Testing**Session 2** Minor or Elective Minor or Elective**Year 4****Session 1** Minor or Elective Minor or Elective**Session 2**[PSY203](#) Social Psychology[PSY208](#) Biopsychology**Years 5-6**

Students must complete:

[PSY301](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology (Session 1)[PSY304](#) Psychopathology (Session 2)[PSY305](#) Psychology of Personality (Session 1)[PSY307](#) Cognition (Session 2)[PSY308](#) Psychology of Learning (Session 1)[PSY309](#) Qualitative Research Methods (Session 2)**Year 5****Session 1**[PSY301](#) Advanced Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology (residential school) Core Level 3 PSY subject or Minor or Elective**Session 2**[PSY309](#) Qualitative 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**

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Pass Stream via Bathurst**Year 7****Session 1**

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology

[PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience

[PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics

Year 8**Session 1**

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(commenced)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)

Session 2

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)

Pass Stream via Wagga Wagga**Year 7****Session 1**

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY423](#) Industrial / Organisational Psychology

[PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Year 8**Session 1**

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(commenced)^

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(commenced)^

Session 2

[PSY436](#) Research Project (24 points)(completed)

[PSY437](#) Counselling Skills (8 points)(completed)^

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Honours Stream via Bathurst

Year 7

Session 1

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Session 2

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY422](#) Forensic Psychology

[PSY425](#) Cognitive Neuroscience

[PSY429](#) Psychology Advanced Topics

Year 8

Session 1

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(commenced)

Session 2

[PSY424](#) Psychology Honours Dissertation (32 points)(completed)

Honours Stream via Wagga Wagga

Year 7

Session 1

Two of:

[PSY421](#) Clinical Psychology - Treatment

[PSY423](#) Industrial / Organisational Psychology

[PSY427](#) Issues in Health Psychology

Session 2

[PSY404](#) Psychological Assessment

[PSY420](#) Ethics and Current Issues in Psychology

Year 8

Session 1

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Session 2

[PSY424](#) Psychology 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 [About Residential School](#) 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

Current Students

For any enquiries about subject selection or course structure you will need to contact your Course Director. You can find the name and contact details for your Course Director in your offer letter or contact your School office.

Prospective Students

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or [enquire online](#).

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