

Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies



Duration: 1.5 years full-time
or 3 years part-time
UAC Code: 952752
Campus: Bankstown and
Penrith

The Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies is accredited by the Australian Psychologists Accreditation Council (APAC) and the NSW Psychologist Registration Board as an undergraduate three year sequence in Psychology. The Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies prepares graduates for an accredited fourth year in Psychology; it does not comprise such a fourth year.

Graduate Diploma of Psychology at UWS

The School of Psychology offers courses that combine advanced academic knowledge with real-life training to suit a range of career needs and interests.

The School has an active research culture which encompasses a range of theoretical and epistemological approaches, in both applied and pure psychological research, with expertise in a range of methods, including experimental, quasi-experimental and qualitative research, and a strong program of postgraduate training, including PhD and Masters in psychology programs.

We have two professional practice centres – the UWS Psychology Clinic and the Psychological Test Library. These centres provide first-rate teaching and research facilities for students undertaking professional practice training, and are a significant community resource.

The School has a reputation for delivering high quality, academically strong, professionally relevant undergraduate and postgraduate awards. The teaching philosophy adopted by staff embeds their extensive research and clinical experience to help equip students to work, research or study in a variety of psychology related areas. The School offers distinctive and professionally relevant undergraduate and fourth year programs, diverse options for postgraduate professional training, and internationally competitive programs of research and postgraduate research training.

It's all about career opportunities

Graduates of this award are eligible to apply for entry to a fourth year program of study in Psychology. Completion of a four year sequence of study is a pre-requisite to either seeking registration as a Psychologist or applying for entry to Masters level professional practice awards.

Professional Accreditation

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Recommended Study Sequence (Full-time)

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points.

Bankstown Campus

Year 1

Autumn

Psychology: Human Behaviour
Experimental Design and Analysis
Social and Developmental Psychology
1 Pool Unit

Spring

Psychology: Behavioural Science
Personality, Motivation and Emotion
Biological Psychology and
Perceptual Processes
1 Pool Unit

Year 2

Autumn

Human Learning and Cognition
History and Philosophy of Psychology
Abnormal Behaviour and Psychological
Testing
Advanced Survey Design and Analysis

Penrith Campus

Year 1

Autumn

Psychology: Behavioural Science
Personality, Motivation and Emotion
Biological Psychology and
Perceptual Processes
1 Pool Unit

Spring

Psychology: Human Behaviour
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Abnormal Behaviour and
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Pool Units (these may vary from year to year)

Applied Cognition and Human
Performance
Consumer Psychology
Developmental Psychology 0–18 years
Health Psychology
Neuroscience
Psychology of Language
Psychology of Learning Environments
Psychology of Religion
Social Processes and Behaviour

Students may choose units from alternate campuses, but should maintain the integrity of the recommended sequence.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must have at least the equivalent of a recognised three-year bachelor degree in any discipline. The convenor of the Graduate Diploma assesses prior psychology-related studies and then specifies a program of variable length for the award.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Advanced standing will only be given for psychology units from Australian Psychology Accreditation Council accredited awards under the University's specified credit rules. The maximum specified credit for the award will be 80 credit points. At least 50% (60 credit points) of the required credit points for the award must be achieved through formal study at UWS.

How to apply

Applications for the course must be made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) online at www.uac.edu.au

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available on the Future Students section of the UWS website:

<http://future.uws.edu.au>

Postgraduate Coursework Booklets are available free of charge from UAC and the UWS Course Information Centre (1300 897 669).

International Students

Part-time mode for this course is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations.

International students should apply directly to the University. Application forms and information on admissions are available at www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions

For more information about studying at UWS including course information, English language requirements, intakes, tuition fees, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit www.uws.edu.au/international or contact internationalstudy@uws.edu.au

For further information contact the UWS Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

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