

About Psychology Honours at UWS

Psychology Honours at UWS is a HECS liable course which is available through either of the following two programs. Both programs have full accreditation with the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as providing a 4th year of study in psychology. They also meet the requirements of the NSW Psychologists Registration Board. Both programs are identical with common classes.

1. The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (course code: 1500).

This is an "embedded" Honours program, in that it is one possible fourth year for the four-year Bachelor of Psychology degree (the alternative fourth year being the Specialist Study Program). Only those applicants who have completed their undergraduate major within a Bachelor of Psychology award, and who have gained acceptance into the Honours program, can enrol in the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) award.

2. The Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (course code: 1504).

This is a separate degree from the undergraduate program. It is an Honours fourth-year extension for the Bachelor of Arts, or for those who have completed a Graduate Diploma in Psychology. Entry to Honours is competitive, and all applicants, including UWS graduands, are selected on merit irrespective of the university from which they obtained their undergraduate degree.

Study Mode

Honours may be pursued full time (one year) or part time (two years). There is no selection advantage in applying for either full or part-time studies.

Part-time students complete the course work units (i.e., Theory and Practice of Psychological Assessment and Intervention in autumn; Contemporary Issues Seminar I in spring; and the yearlong Research Methods Seminar) in their first year, and the thesis in their second year. Students are entitled to two semesters of supervision only. Therefore, part-time students will be allocated a thesis supervisor at the end of their first year. Once full-time enrolment is finalised by the Semester 1 HECS census date, there is no provision to transfer to part-time.