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.

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

  - 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.

**Penrith Campus**

**Year 1**
- Autumn
  - Psychology: Behavioural Science
  - Personality, Motivation and Emotion
  - Biological Psychology and Perceptual Processes
    - 1 Pool Unit

- Spring
  - Psychology: Human Behaviour
  - Experimental Design and Analysis
  - Social and Developmental Psychology
    - 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

  - 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.

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