School of Psychology

Applying for Psychology Honours 2015

Information Booklet
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PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS 2015

AIM

To provide a fourth year course accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) that will:

1. enable you to apply for postgraduate study
2. permit provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia

COURSE DESCRIPTION

• 1 year full time (part time candidature may only be permitted under special circumstances)
• Empirical project (50%) – Semester 1 and 2
• Special Fields Options (2 Special Fields), each worth 15% OR Theoretical Thesis (30%) – Semester 1
• Psychological Research Methods (15%) – Semester 1
• Ethics and Current and Professional Issues (5%) – Normally Semester 2

SPECIAL FIELDS OPTIONS IN THE PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS PROGRAMME:

Seminars (1–2 hours per week in Semester 1) are offered in a subset of the areas listed below. This is subject to availability of staff, so the actual areas available will differ from year to year.

- Understanding and treating anxiety disorders
- Child Clinical Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Eating Disorders
- Health Psychology
- Individual Differences
- Problem Gambling
- Language and Decision Making
- Learning
- Theory and systems
- Neuropsychological Rehabilitation
- Neuroscience
- Perception
- Social Psychology
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (for 2015 entry)

1. an APAC (http://www.psychologycouncil.org.au/) accredited Bachelor's degree from a recognized University with an accredited Psychology major obtained within the past 10 years *

   WHICH INCLUDES

2. at least 48 credit points (or equivalent) of Intermediate and Senior Psychology

   AND

3. a minimum credit average result in second and third year Psychology units.

   NB. This is a minimum requirement. It may not be sufficient because the strength of the cohort varies each year.

   AND

4. completion of a statistical methods unit at third year level

   AND

5. successful completion of a History and Philosophy of Psychology unit at third year level only if you wish to be considered for the Theoretical Thesis option.

   AND

6. a SCIWAM of at least 65 only if you are a Science Faculty student.

Please note: All undergraduate students in the faculty of Arts and Social Sciences must complete their Honours requirements within no more than 10 years from commencement of candidature in their pass degree. Detailed information can be found at:


SELECTION

- There is a quota of approximately 80 places in the Honours programme. A maximum of 5-6 places are offered to external applicants.

- Selection is based solely on academic performance in Intermediate (second year) and Senior (third year) level Psychology, with performance in third year weighted double.

- The first 80 applicants in order of merit, regardless of the degree in which they are enrolled, will be offered places in the Honours programme.

- BPsych students who meet the criteria for progression to the fourth year (Honours) of the BPsych course (see the Faculty of Science Handbook) will be admitted into the Honours programme.

Note to applicants from Universities other than The University of Sydney:

Entry into Psychology Honours at The University of Sydney is based solely on academic merit. It is competitive because we have a limited quota and there are many more applicants than places. We openly give preference to our own psychology students and thus have very few places for external applicants – about 5 or 6 per year. Given the limited number of places, the application mark for
external applicants is considerably higher than for internal students. Because of the quota, the minimum application mark for internal students is typically a distinction average (it varies slightly from year to year depending on the strength of the cohort, but not by much) and the application mark for external students is higher than this (the minimum average of 85).

**CALCULATION OF YOUR HONOURS APPLICATION MARK**

Please refer to the appropriate spreadsheets on our future Honours webpage:


**APPLYING FOR HONOURS: INTERNAL APPLICANTS**

**Internal applicants** are those who have completed an accredited degree with an accredited psychology major in the School of Psychology at the University of Sydney within the past ten years.

**Step 1 INTERNAL APPLICANTS: School application**

ALL internal applicants (including BPysch and BA (Psych) students) **must** first apply directly to the School of Psychology by submitting the School of Psychology online Application Form by 30 November 2014. The online application form is available at the following URL and will open in early September:


Completion of the School application will generate an email receipt to you. Save/Print this email to PDF as you will need it to complete the next step.

**Step 2 INTERNAL APPLICANTS: Faculty application (ALL INTERNAL APPLICANTS EXCEPT B.PSYCH Students*)**

Submit a Faculty application through Sydney Courses by 30 November 2014 (even if your Faculty has a later deadline):

**INTERNAL Students who have completed OR are completing:**

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<td>*B.Psych</td>
<td>No need to submit a Faculty Application</td>
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On the Faculty Application Form, you will be asked to submit evidence of having made contact with a supervisor – this is where you should upload the saved PDF of the email receipt of the School application. You DO NOT NEED to contact potential supervisors to complete your application.
APPLYING FOR HONOURS: EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

External applicants are those who have completed an accredited degree with an accredited psychology major somewhere other than in the School of Psychology at the University of Sydney within the past ten years.

Step 1 EXTERNAL APPLICANTS: School application
ALL external applicants must first apply directly to the School of Psychology by submitting the School of Psychology online Application Form by 30 November 2014. The online application form is available at the following URL and will open in early September:


Completion of the School application will generate an email receipt to you. Save/Print this email to PDF as you will need it to complete the next step.

Step 2 EXTERNAL APPLICANTS: Faculty application (ALL EXTERNAL APPLICANTS)
Submit a Faculty application through Sydney Courses by 30 November 2014 (even if your Faculty has a later deadline):

EXTERNAL Students who have completed OR are completing:

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Step 3 EXTERNAL APPLICANTS: Academic reference

External applicants must also arrange for an academic reference to be emailed to the Honours Coordinator, psychology.honours@sydney.edu.au by 30 November, 2014.

OFFERS OF PLACES

Offers of places in Honours will be sent out between mid December and early January. Students will be required to indicate their acceptance by the first week of January. For these reasons, applicants must complete their applications processes before November 30, 2014, even if the Faculty applications have later deadlines.

All applicants should ensure that their Faculty and the School of Psychology have their current home address, email address, and phone number. Places will not be held for applicants who fail to respond to their offer by the deadline.
REGISTRATION AS A PSYCHOLOGIST IN AUSTRALIA

Registration with the Psychology Board of Australia is required in order to practise as a Psychologist or to use the title ‘psychologist’ in Australia.

Go to: http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/

ACCREDITATION OF PSYCHOLOGY COURSES IN AUSTRALIA

Go to: http://www.psychologycouncil.org.au/

CHECKLIST FOR HONOURS APPLICATION

☐ Fill in and submit the School of Psychology Online Honours Application Form by 30 November 2014. Link to the school online application form is available from:


☐ Save receipt of School Application submission as PDF

☐ Apply through Sydney courses by 30 November, 2014 (even if your Faculty has a later deadline)

☐ Submit PDF of School Application as evidence of having made contact with a potential supervisor

☐ External Applicants – arrange for an academic reference to be sent to the Honours Coordinator

☐ Apply for Honours Scholarships


QUESTIONS?

Please email the School of Psychology if any aspect of this document is not clear or if you have further questions:

psychology.honours@sydney.edu.au