

Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology)

2019

Undergraduate

Psychology is the science of the mind and human behaviour. You will examine mental states and processes and how they affect human behaviour.

Psychologists study the processes around how people think and feel. They work closely with patients to understand their mental state and how this is impacting on their behaviours.

RMIT specialises in clinical psychology, based on a cognitive-behavioural approach. Your studies will include the biological bases of behaviour including brain-behaviour relationships, sensation, perception and consciousness, theories of learning, memory and cognition, emotion, motivation and stress.

As a psychology student you will gain strong theoretical and practical skills.

To register as a clinical psychologist, you'll need to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology), the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) (Honours) and the Master of Psychology (two years full-time), or equivalent programs recognised by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

Industry connections

The program involves a research project where you work on staff-initiated research projects.

You will also have the option of completing a 15-day industry placement.

Professional recognition

The psychology major in the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) is a partial requirement for membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

It is also a partial requirement for registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, subject to further study or clinical practice.

This program has been accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

Career outlook

As a graduate of the psychology program, you can work in areas such as organisational management, health, sport, cross-cultural studies, counselling, HR, working with people with disabilities, research, training, market research and with further study, teaching or clinical psychology.

Program snapshot

Program code: BP154

Duration

Full-time: 3 years

Part-time may be available.

Location

City or Bundoora campus

For the Bundoora based program Year one is conducted on the Bundoora campus. Years 2 and 3 are conducted on the City campus.

Selection mode

City: ATAR (2018: 68.10)

Bundoora: ATAR (2018: 65.15)

How to apply

Semester 1: VTAC
vtac.edu.au

Semester 2: Direct to RMIT
rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

Fees

For local fee information:
rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

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Program structure

Year 1

You'll study these foundation areas:

- biological bases of behaviour, including brain-behaviour relationships, sensation, perception and consciousness
- theories of learning, memory and cognition (including theories of intelligence)
- theories of emotion, motivation and stress

You will also study these principles of psychology:

- personality
- psychopathology
- social psychology

Year 2

You'll study core theoretical frameworks and their application to biological psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, research methods in psychology and social psychology.

Year 3

Third-year deals with the complex factors that make us an individual. We will also review common psychological disorders, their basis and treatment. As an aspiring psychologist, you will learn about the importance of ethical and professional practice.

Elective courses may include choices from information technology, nutrition, health, statistics, computer science, or any of a range of University-wide electives.

Double Major Sequence

This sequence aims to equip you with skills and knowledge that can be applied in the workplace. You will receive training in statistics and research methodology, as well as six courses that relate to the application of psychology in everyday life. This includes understanding how our built environment shapes, and is shaped by, our behaviour. You will learn what motivates people and how to use this knowledge to modify your behaviour and the behaviour of others.

Year 1	Foundations of Psychology	Environmental Psychology	Statistical Computing	Psychology of Everyday Thinking
	Principles of Psychology	Psychology of Social Life	Statistics	Science of Human Nature OR Applied Psychology Topics
Year 2	Developmental Psychology	Biological Psychology	Research Methods in Psychology	Psychology of Gender OR Forensic Psychology
	Cognitive Psychology	Social Psychology	Motivation and Organisational Psychology	University elective
Year 3	Philosophy & Methodology of Psychology	Professional Practices in Psychology	Psychology of Gender OR Forensic Psychology	Understanding Personality
	Psychological Assessment & Individual Differences	Psychopathology & Models of Intervention	Research Project OR Psychology Field Placement	University elective

APAC accredited psychology core
 Other psychology studies
 University electives

Additional information

information if they would like it to be considered. For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online. For semester 2 intake, this can be completed through the personal statement in the Apply Direct application.

Working With Children Check: Students must hold a valid Working With Children Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Police Check: Students must present evidence of a successful National Police Records Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Inherent requirements: In order to complete this program, students need to perform certain physical tasks and behave in a professional manner while on clinical placement and when undertaking practical and laboratory sessions on campus. Prospective students should consider the inherent requirements of this program. For details visit www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/entry-requirements/inherent-requirements.

This information is designed for Australia and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

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For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the RMIT University website before lodging your application.

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