

Psychology

Postgraduate Handbook 2018



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Welcome to Psychology

Welcome to the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland. Perhaps you're thinking of studying with us in one of our postgraduate research programmes, or applying for a professional programme in clinical psychology, applied behaviour analysis or speech language therapy. Our research interests are wide ranging, spanning many aspects of psychology from evolution to neuroscience, and from sensory science to forming lasting relationships and maintaining positive mental health.



Researchers in Psychology use a range of quantitative and qualitative methodologies including indigenous, community, critical and societal approaches to psychology. Whatever your interest in Psychology and our school, I hope you find information in here that helps answer your questions. If not, take a look on our website.

We're proud of the work that we do and we seek to make a difference for New Zealand and other communities. If you're interested in studying Psychology, we'd love you to join us. The best part of our job is working with motivated students, helping them develop their skills so that they can answer their own questions and become psychological professionals in their own right.

SUZANNE PURDY
Head of School

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is ranked 33
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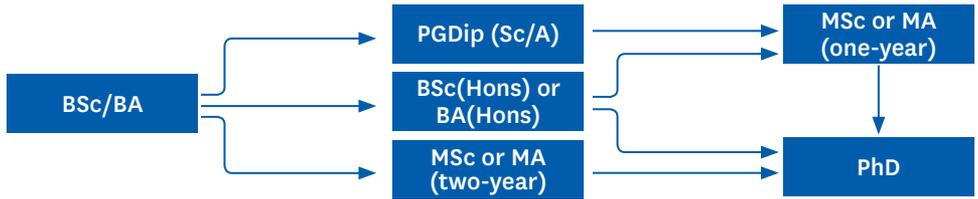
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Why study with us?

- The Applied Behaviour Analysis programme has NZ Psychologists Board Accreditation and is Behavior Analyst Certification Board approved.
- The Clinical programme has NZ Psychologists Board Accreditation.
- The Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice programme has New Zealand Speech Language Therapists Association Accreditation.
- Most of our academic staff have impressive international research reputations, and several are recognised among the world leaders in their fields.

www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/excellence

Postgraduate study options in Psychology



For course descriptions and more information, visit www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/pgcourses

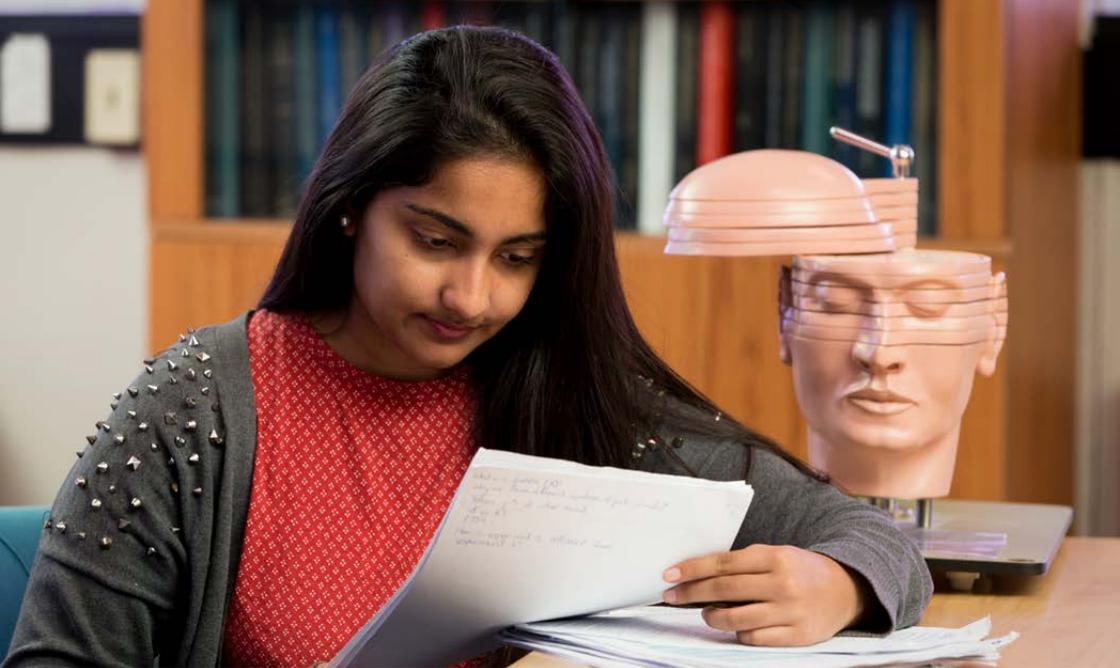


Certificate of Proficiency

The Certificate of Proficiency is recommended for students who have taken some Psychology courses or a minor in their bachelors degree, and wish to continue into Psychology postgraduate study. If you're planning to continue into postgraduate study, we strongly recommend you take PSYCH 306.

- **Length:** One semester, depending on course availability

For the Certificate of Proficiency and Graduate Diploma, please see the Bridging Programme webpage and contact a Bridging Programme Adviser. www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/bridging-programme



Graduate Diploma in Science

The Graduate Diploma in Science is recommended for students who have few or no courses in Psychology in their bachelors degree.

Structure: Students enrolled in this programme are required to complete three Stage II courses and five Stage III courses in Psychology. If you're planning to continue into postgraduate study, we strongly recommend you take PSYCH 306.

Length: Two semesters

Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSc(Hons)) or Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (BA(Hons)) in Psychology

Prerequisite

An undergraduate degree in Psychology with a GPA of 5.5 or higher in four courses at Stage III. Must include PSYCH 306 or equivalent.

All students should check their degree planning with the Science Student Centre to confirm their bachelors completion.

Structure

A total of 120 points, including 75 points of taught 700-level Psychology courses, and 45 points specified research skills and dissertation. BA(Hons) students may take 30 points from courses outside Psychology; BSc(Hons) may take 15 points from courses outside Psychology. If your course plan falls outside this restriction, please contact pgscience@auckland.ac.nz.

Length: Two semesters of full-time study



Postgraduate Diploma in Science (PGDipSci) or Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (PGDipArts)

Prerequisite

An undergraduate degree in Psychology with a GPA of 5.0 or higher in four courses at Stage III. All students should check their degree planning with their faculty office to confirm their bachelors completion.

Structure

120 points from taught 700-level courses. PGDipArts students may take 30 points outside Psychology; PGDipSci may take 15 points outside Psychology. If your course plan falls outside this restriction, please contact the postgraduate advisor. If you intend to proceed to masters or doctoral study following a postgraduate diploma, you must have PSYCH 306 or equivalent.

Length: Two semesters of full-time study or up to eight semesters of part-time study

Entry based on GPA: If you intend to proceed to Masters or PhD following a Postgraduate Diploma you must have PSYCH 306 or equivalent.

Entry to all postgraduate study is by supplementary application form and online admissions through Student Services Online (SSO). Supplementary application forms are available on our website www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/application-forms

Master of Science (MSc) or Master of Arts (MA) in Psychology

Option one

Prerequisite

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or Science, or BA(Hons) or BSc(Hons) in Psychology with a GPA of 4.0 or higher, or other relevant qualifications as approved by the masters advisor.

Structure

120-point research masters by thesis

Length: One year full-time or two years part-time study

Option two

Prerequisite

BSc or BA majoring in Psychology and PSYCH 306 (or equivalent as approved by Head of School) and a GPA of 5.0 or higher in courses above Stage II, or other relevant qualifications as approved by the masters advisor.

Structure

Total of 240 points. 120 points from PSYCH 700-level courses; 120 points research masters by thesis.

Length: Two years full-time or up to six years part-time study

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Quick facts

Points per degree: 360 points

Full-time study: 3-4 years

Part-time study: 6-8 years

Degree structure: Research

Application closing dates: Apply at any time

Start date: Start at any time

For more information, go to www.science.auckland.ac.nz/phd

Entry to PhD

The normal requirement for admission to the PhD is BA(Hons) or BSc(Hons) degree with Second Class Honours Division 1 or better, or an MSc with First or Second Class (Division 1) Honours in a relevant field.

Candidates with overseas qualifications should consult the school for advice. Candidates may be required to enrol in one or more courses concurrent with research work to complement either their research work or their background in the discipline.

Our specialist postgraduate programmes

We offer a range of specialist, clinical and professional postgraduate programmes.

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Psychology (PGDipAppPsych)

Designed for graduates in the areas of applied behaviour analysis and industrial, work and organisational psychology, the PGDipAppPsych programme will prepare you for professional practice in the application of these sub-disciplines of psychology.

The programme is flexible and draws on the interests and expertise of Psychology academic staff, which means you'll be working with up-to-date theory and practice. You'll complete a supervised practicum that will allow you to apply your knowledge and skills in a real-world setting.

Prerequisite

You must have completed a masters degree in psychology with a GPA of 5.0.

Structure

Students must complete 120 points in one year of full-time study, including a supervised practicum worth 60 points. The practicum component involves up to 1500 hours of supervised experience in an applied setting.

www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/aba

Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice (MSLTPrac)

The Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice (MSLTPrac) programme provides you with a clinical qualification in speech and language therapy. The course is comprised of both academic studies and time spent working in health, education and special school settings, and is accredited by the New Zealand Speech-language Therapy Association.

You will study a range of subject areas including anatomy, physiology, linguistics and acoustics, and

learn to apply theory to clinical practice. Students learn to use a range of approaches and technologies to assess, diagnose and treat communication and swallowing disorders.

Prerequisite

A completed bachelors degree with a GPA of 4.0 in 75 points at Stage III or 700-level in approved subject areas. Approved subject areas include education, psychology, linguistics and health sciences.

Structure

The MSLTPrac degree is a 240-point taught masters that includes a research dissertation. It is a competitive entry programme that involves two years of full-time study following a fixed programme of courses. Students move together as a cohort from year one to year two.

www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/speech-science

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)

The Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy) is a professional doctorate, combining original research and clinical practice to prepare you for a career as a clinical psychologist. Students complete an honours year, specialising in Clinical Psychology, before entry into the three-year DClinPsy programme.

Prerequisite

You must have a GPA of at least 6.0 in your preliminary honours year, and demonstrate the ability and personal qualities necessary to pursue this programme of study.

Structure

Three years of full-time study, including a supervised placement component.

www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/doctorate-in-clinical-psychology

Research areas

Applied behaviour analysis

Cognition and culture in New Caledonian crows

Cognitive and language development

Cognitive neuroscience

Community psychology

Critical, gender, and sexuality

Developmental cognitive neuroscience

Educational psychology

Experimental analysis of behaviour

Language and cultural evolution

Māori and Pacific psychology

New Zealand attitudes and values

Sensory psychology

Social psychology

Speech science

Sustainability

www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/research

Want to know about careers in Psychology?
www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/careers

"I've always had a desire to understand what helps people to flourish."

"After travelling and working, I realised I wanted to contribute to health and well-being in Aotearoa."

"Clinical Psychology integrates theory, science and clinical knowledge for the purpose of understanding, preventing, and relieving distress and dysfunction, and to promote well-being and personal development."

"The Clinical Psychology doctoral programme offers a pathway to become a registered clinical psychologist and has a strong reputation in the community."

"The programme has a good balance of academic, clinical and research components - I've just finished my first practicum placement, which I really enjoyed. My classmates are really supportive and the programme has also enabled me to connect with the Māori clinical psychology community."

"I've been lucky to receive the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, which covers all my tuition fees and living costs. It's allowed me to focus on my studies and when I finish I'm hoping to work as a clinical psychologist."

Danielle Hay, Ngati Maniapoto, is studying for a Doctorate of Clinical Psychology. Her doctoral research is focused on an investigation of trainee therapists' experience of imagery in therapy.



Helpful information

Academic dates

www.auckland.ac.nz/dates

Accommodation

www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz

Apply for postgraduate study

www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow

Career Development and Employment Services

www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz

Childcare

www.auckland.ac.nz/childcare

Course advice and degree planning in Science

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/student-centre

Disability Services

www.disability.auckland.ac.nz

How to enrol

www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment

Information for postgraduate students

www.postgraduate.ac.nz

International students

www.international.auckland.ac.nz

Libraries and Learning Services

www.library.auckland.ac.nz

Māori and Pacific students

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/tuakana

Need help?

www.askauckland.ac.nz

Postgraduate Students' Association

www.pgsa.org.nz

Rainbow Science Network for LGBTI students

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/rainbowsience

Scholarships and awards

www.scholarships.auckland.ac.nz

www.auckland.ac.nz/fees

Support for students

www.science.auckland.ac.nz/support

**Questions about
Postgraduate Psychology?
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