

# Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

Course code: ABPC

## Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- 96 credit points of Core studies
- 216 credit points of Core Psychology studies
- 2 x 24 credit points of Core Thesis studies
- 24 credit points of Psychology Elective studies

In order to be eligible to advance to the fourth (Honours) year of the course, students must achieve the stringent academic admission criteria that are required for Honours programs in Psychology. A minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 70% across all core third year psychology units is required.

Students who have successfully completed the first three years of study but have not met the academic admission requirements for the Honours year will be eligible to apply to graduate with a Bachelor of Psychological Studies.

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

## Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

## Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

## Campus

Footscray Park (FP)

## College

College of Sport, Health and Engineering

## Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

## Duration

4 years Full Time or Part Time

## Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

## Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>  
Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

## Timetable

[vu.edu.au/timetables](http://vu.edu.au/timetables)

## Course Chair

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## Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

## Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP1016	Foundations of Psychological Research	Core	1B1	12	FP	
APP1017	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology	Core	1B2	12	FP	
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Core	1B3	12	FP	
HHH1000	Interpersonal Skills and Communication	Core	1B4	12	FP	
ABA1003	Introduction to Sociology	Core	2B1	12	FP	
APP1015	Organisational Skills 1	Core	2B2	12	FP	
APP1013	Psychology 1B	Core	2B3	12	FP	APP1012
AEK1203	Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	Core	2B4	12	CC, SA	

## Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

### Core

A unit that must be completed

### Elective

you have some choice in what you select.

## Study Patterns

### Pattern of study for 2025 1B3 Intake:

1B3: APP1016  
 1B4: APP1017  
 2B1: ABA1003  
 2B2: APP1015  
 2B3: APP1012  
 2B4: AEK1203  
 2026  
 1B1: APP1013  
 1B2: HHH1000

### Pattern of study for 2025 2B1 Intake:

2B1: APP1016  
 2B2: APP1017  
 2B3: ABA1015  
 2B4: AEK1203  
 2026  
 1B1: ABA1003  
 1B2: APP1012  
 1B3: HHH1000  
 1B4: APP1013

## Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APS2030	Qualitative Social Research Methods 1	Core	1B1	12	FP, ORT	APP1013
APP2013	Psychology 2A	Core	1B2	12	FP	APP1012 and APP1013
HPP2001	Developmental Psychology	Core	1B3	12	FP	APP1013
APP2023	Interpersonal Skills 2	Core	1B4	12	FP	HHH1000
APS2040	Quantitative Social Research Methods 1	Core	2B1	12	FP	APP2013
APP2014	Psychology 2B	Core	2B2	12	FP	APP2013
	Psychology Elective	Elective	2B3	12		
APP2024	Organisational Skills 2	Core	2B4	12	FP	APP1015

### Year 3

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP3034	History, Theory and Practice of Psychology	Core	1B1	12	FP	APP2014 and HPP2001
APP3035	Research Methods in Psychology	Core	1B2	12	FP	APP2014
APS3030	Social Research Methods	Core	1B3	12	FP	APS2030 and APS2040
APP3023	Psychological Issues in the Workplace	Core	1B4	12	FP	APP2014
APP3037	Clinical Aspects of Psychology	Core	2B1	12	FP	APP2014 and HPP2001
APS3040	Independent Research Project	Core	2B2	12	FP	APS3030
APP3028	Fieldwork	Core	2B3	12	FP	APP2014
	Psychology Elective 2	Elective	2B4	12		

### Placement

#### APP3028: Fieldwork

Students will undertake a mandatory fieldwork placement, consisting of 60 hours of placement, and in-class course work. All placement activities for this unit must be pre-approved and authorised by the Undergraduate Psychology Placement Officer. Credit will not be applied retrospectively for unauthorised activities. Students may be required to complete a proportion of the placement hours before undertaking the unit.

[APP3028 Placement Webpage](#)

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### Year 4

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APH4013	Psychology in Practice	Core	1B1	12	FP	
APH4012	Research Thesis	Core	1B2	12	FP	
APH4018	Social Research Methods in Context	Core	1B3	12	FP	
APH4015	Extended Research Thesis	Core	WB	12	FP	APH4012
APH4071	Professional Orientation (Psychological Assessment)	Core	2B1	12	FP	
APH4001	Psychological Interventions	Core	2B2	12	FP	

## Psychology Electives

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP3015	Counselling Theory and Practice	Elective	1B4, 2B, 2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3018	Organisations and Work	Elective	1B4, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3027	Relationship and Family Wellbeing	Elective	1B2, 1B3, 2B1	12	FP	APP2013
APP3019	Psychobiology	Elective	1B1, 1B3, 2B3	12	FP	APP2013
APP3016	Group Behaviour	Elective	2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013

