Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

COURSE CODE: ABPC

COURSE COMMENCEMENT: Semester 1 Block 3 (1B3)

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 equivalent
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
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	To attain the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) students will be required to complete 384 credit points, consisting of: • 96 credit points (equivalent to 8 units) of Core First Year studies; • 216 credit points (equivalent to 18 units) of Core Psychology studies; • 2 x 24 credit points (equivalent to 2 units) of Core Thesis studies; and • 24 credit points (equivalent to 2 units) 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.
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
COURSE CHAIR	Helen Thomas
COURSE ADVICE	AskCUA https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua

Note: 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.

Core/Elective Core (a unit that must be completed) & Elective (you have some choice in what you select).

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.

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YEAR 1

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APP1016	Foundations of Psychological Research	Core	1B3	12	FP	
APP1017	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology	Core	1B4	12	FP	
ABA1003	Introduction to Sociology	Core	2B1	12	FP	
APP1015	Organisational Skills 1	Core	2B2	12	FP	
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Core	2B3	12	FP	
AEK1203	Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	Core	2B4	12	CC, SA	

YEAR 2

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APP1013	Psychology 1B	Core	1B1	12	FP	APP1012
HHH1000	Interpersonal Skills and Communication	Core	1B2	12	FP	
HPP2001	Developmental Psychology	Core	1B3	12	FP	APP1013
APP2023	Interpersonal Skills 2	Core	1B4	12	FP	HHH1000
APP2013	Psychology 2A	Core	WB	12	FP	APP1012, APP1013
APS2040	Quantitative Social Research Methods 1	Core	2B1	12	FP	APP2013
APP2014	Psychology 2B	Core	2B2	12	FP	APP2013
APP30XX	Psychology Elective 1	Elective	2B3	12	FP	APP2013
APP2024	Organisational Skills 2	Core	2B4	12	FP	APP1015

YEAR 3

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT Type	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APS2030	Qualitative Social Research Methods 1	Core	1B1	12	FP	APP1013



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APP3034	History, Theories and Practice of Psychology	Core	1B2	12	FP	APP2014; and HPP2001
APS3030	Social Research Methods	Core	1B3	12	FP	APS2030, APS2040
APP3023	Psychological Issues in the Workplace	Core	1B4	12	FP	APP2014
APP3035	Research Methods in Psychology	Core	WB1	12	FP	APP2014
APP3037	Clinical Aspects of Psychology	Core	2B1	12	FP	APP2014, HPP2001
APS3040	Independent Research Project	Core	2B2	12	FP	APS3030
APP3028	Fieldwork	Core	2B3	12	FP	APP2014
APP30XX	Psychology Elective 2	Elective	2B4	12	FP	APP2013

YEAR 4

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APH4012	Research Thesis	Core	1B1	24	FP	Completion of 288 credit points i.e. Year 1, 2 and 3 units
APH4013	Psychology in Practice	Core	1B2	12	FP	Completion of 288 credit points i.e. Year 1, 2 and 3 units
APH4018	Social Research Methods in Context	Core	1B4	12	FP	Completion of 288 credit points i.e. Year 1, 2 and 3 units
APH4015	Extended Research Thesis	Core	WB1	24	FP	APH4012
APH4071	Professional Orientation (Psychological Assessment)	Core	2B1, 2B2	12	FP	Completion of 288 credit points i.e. Year 1, 2 and 3 units
APH4001	Psychological Interventions	Core	2B1, 2B2	12	FP	Completion of 288 credit points i.e. Year 1, 2 and 3 units



Psychology Electives

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
APP3015	Counselling Theory and Practice	Elective	1B4, WB, 2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3016	Group Behaviour	Elective	2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3018	Organisations and Work	Elective	1B4, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3019	Psychobiology	Elective	1B1, 1B3, 2B3, 2B4	12	FP	APP2013
APP3027	Relationship and Family Wellbeing	Elective	1B2, 1B3, 2B1	12	FP	APP2013

Further information regarding placement unit:

APP3028 Fieldwork: Students will undertake a mandatory fieldwork placement, consisting of 60 hours of placement, and inclass 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

Contact: sally-ann.free@vu.edu.au (Fieldwork Coordinator, Undergraduate Psychology)

