Psychology Student Forum 2013

“everything you ever wanted to know about studying Psychology but were afraid to ask”
The lineup

- Peter Leeson: undergraduate degree options
- Amy Chan: 4th year options
- Simone Favelle: Postgraduate research degrees
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undergraduate degree options
# Undergraduate Degree Options

**Major in Psychology in the BA or Bsc**

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<td>Assessment &amp; Intervention, Advanced Cognition, Visual Perception, Psychophysiology</td>
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BA vs BSc

- Requirements for the Psychology major are the same

- Three years = 144 credit points

**BA**
- At least 90 credit points from HBS or Arts Faculties
- Remaining subjects made up from the General Schedule

**BSc**
- At least 90 credit points from HBS or Science Faculty
- Remaining subjects made up from the General Schedule

**BPsyc**
- Specified 1st, 2nd and 3rd year psychology subjects = 102 credit points
- Remaining 42 credit points from HBS, Science, or General Schedule
Getting into Honours

- Competitive entry

- Requirements as per Psychology major *PLUS*

  - PSYC251 (Psychology of Abnormality)

  - PSYC348 and PSYC354 + another 3rd year PSYC elective (48 credit points)
Getting into Honours

- BA or BSc students can apply for entry (as long as requirements have been met)

- BPsyc Honours equivalent to BA Honours/BSc Honours

- Psyc degrees have different names at different Universities
Transferring to BPsysc

- Complete the form available on the School of Psychology website (October – check website)
- Enter your marks for psychology subjects so far, & submit form.
- Can be completed at the end of 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} year.
Fourth Year in Psychology

Amy Chan
School of Psychology 4\textsuperscript{th} Year Coordinator
Why Study for a 4th Year?

- B Psych students: Part of a 4th year sequence
- BA and BSc students: an APAC-accredited 4th year of psychology studies

→ qualify for *provisional registration* with the Psychology Board of Australia
→ eligible to *apply* for further postgraduate studies in psychology
A 4th Year Qualification leads to:

- Eligibility to enrol in Postgraduate **Research** degrees
  - Research Masters
  - PhDs

- further **postgraduate coursework** study in Ψ
  - APAC accredited courses Eg clinical masters (UoW), neuro Ψ, industrial and organisational (other unis).

- Good marks are required
ENTRY TO PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS AT UOW

For
BA students
BSc Students
BPsych students

[also see the Guide to the 4th Year in Psychology on School of Psychology 4th year website]
Pathways for entering 4th year in psychology at UoW

BA or BSc (major in Psychology)

Year 1  |  Year 2  |  Year 3

BPsych

Year 1  |  Year 2  |  Year 3

Submit Application

BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons)

Year 4

(Honours Year)

Satisfied minimum academic performance requirement for BPsych?
MUST HAVE

- Eligibility to graduate (BA and BSc students)
- Completed all 100- to 300-level course requirements of the BPsych degree (BPsych students)

- If your degree started in 2003 or later then you need at least 76 2nd & 3rd year credit points in psychology
- All usual subjects compulsory for a psychology major
  - Plus PSYC354 & PSYC348
WHAT WE COUNT

- We count the **best 11 subjects of ψ at 200 & 300 level** (including PSYC354 & PSYC348) to calculate a **weighted average mark** (i.e., by credit point weighting)

- About 50-60 Equivalent full time places available (plus returning students)

- Estimated threshold mark each year: **At least 70%** (possibly higher)
VARIATIONS

- Double majors:
  - we use the best 10 psychology subjects at 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} year (including PSYC348 and PSYC354)
APPLYING TO HONOURS

- Use online *internal psychology honours application form*
- Apply by the 31\textsuperscript{st} of October
- **Note:** No mid-year applications or intake

- **LET US KNOW by email OF ANYTHING ‘UNUSUAL’**
  - Eg; double major, overseas subjects, unspecified credits for other unis etc, Summer School subjects, supps to come...
  - psyc-enquiries@uow.edu.au
Who gets a place in 4th year?

Some inconvenient truth

1. Approximately 20%-25% of undergraduate psychology students at UoW will get into 4th year

2. Entry into 4th year is based on academic performance in 200- and 300-level psychology subjects only

3. Repeating subjects in 200- and 300-levels does not guarantee a place in 4th year
4th Year Entry - Myth Busters

- **Myth #1**: BPsych students are favoured over BA and BSc students for 4th year entry - FALSE!!

- **Myth #2**: BA and BSc students require a much higher average mark than BPsych students for 4th year entry - FALSE!!
Truth about 4\textsuperscript{th} year entry for UoW psychology students

\begin{itemize}
  \item **TRUTH:** Same cut-off point applies to all internal applicants
  \item **Cut-off point** = Weighted average across the best 11 psychology subjects (200- and 300-levels) of the \textit{lowest-performing continuing} BPsych student who seeks 4\textsuperscript{th} year entry in the forthcoming year
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# Hypothetical Scenario 1

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* BPsysch applicant with lowest WAM
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FOURTH YEAR HONOURS PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY
A Revised 4th Year Program (effective from 2013 intake)

- **No** new intake into the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology program

- All students entering the 4th year psychology program will be in the honours stream
  - Unified coursework structure
    - No internal choices for electives
  - Each student has an individual honours thesis project
Why change?

- response to changes in APAC accreditation requirements
  - Advanced training in core psychological areas
    - Theoretical and empirical knowledge
    - Assessment and intervention
    - Psychological practice
  - Individual research project
    - Research question, intensive empirical literature review, data analysis, reporting of results and discussion
  - May involve shared data collection
The Honours Programme comprises:

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Implications for study modes:

• Full-time vs. part-time

• Starting in Autumn Session (preferred) vs. Spring Session (not recommended)
THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT COORDINATOR MATTERS:

- Subject content, format etc
- Tutorial enrolments
Other things to be aware of...

- Extra-curricular activities and work experience are **not** considered when determining course entry.

- 4th year as a “full-time job”
  - Considering a gap year before 4th year?

- Institutions that offer a PG Dip in Psychology program
  - Charles Sturt University
  - Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)
# Key Dates for Applicants for Honours Entry

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<td>First week of November</td>
<td>List of Psychology Honours Project Supervisors and project topic areas available from 4th year webpage</td>
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<td>Early to mid December</td>
<td>Due date for successful honours applicants to submit on-line nomination of thesis supervisor preferences</td>
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<td>Mid December</td>
<td>Meeting of new Honours intake and staff</td>
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<td>By third week of December</td>
<td>Honours supervision allocations finalised</td>
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Dr Simone Favelle

HDR coordinator
Postgraduate research degrees
Research Opportunities: Life After Honours
HDR Options

- Doctor of Philosophy
  - PhD

- Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology)
  - Clinical PhD

- Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)
  - DPsych

- Masters of Science – Research (Psychology)
  - MSc – Research (Psychology)
  - Research Masters
The life of a PhD Student

- A PhD takes roughly 3-4 years full-time.
- A research masters generally takes 1 year full-time.
PhD study can give you:
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- The opportunity to do cutting edge research
- The opportunity to develop your research skills and writing
- The opportunity to make a significant and/or important contribution to your field of interest.
- Greater access to expertise (local and international)
- The opportunity to work in another country/city/….
Are there any advantages to doing a PhD in Australia?

• No coursework (in the USA and Canada there is additional coursework that you have to do)
• PhDs tend to be completed faster in Aus
How to apply for a HDR degree

- Online at

- You need to
  - Identify a supervisor and (ideally) a co-supervisor
  - Write a research proposal
Will I get a Scholarship?

- If you want to get a scholarship to make life easier you will need to get first class honours (e.g. marks for degree average to 85 or above).

- No guarantee that you will get one.

- Scholarship allocations are determined by a competitive process.

- It depends on who applies that year and what your ranking is (not only in psychology, but also in HBS).
Applying for HDR Scholarships at UoW

- Apply online when you apply for HDR degree
  - Use same online form if you are already enrolled in a degree and trying again for a scholarship

- You need to submit reports from two academic referees

- Deadlines for UoW
  - 17th of October (commencing Autumn Session)
  - 12th of March (commencing Spring Session)
Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)

- Honours 1 or equivalent results are essential for receipt of an APA (ie 85 or above).

- An APA may be held for three years for Doctoral candidates and two years for Masters Research studies, subject to satisfactory progress.
  - Doctoral candidates get an automatic 6 month extension if not already submitted.

- The stipend for APAs in 2012 is $23,728 per annum - non taxable. There is also a provisions for relocation and thesis allowance. Stipends and allowances are indexed annually.

- Aussies, New Zealanders or permanent residents only!
- Full-time enrolment
University Postgraduate Award (UPA)

- Same as APA except...

- UPAs are available to graduates of both Australian and overseas universities.

- The stipend for UPAs in 2011 is $22,860 per annum - non taxable.
Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI)

- APAI awards are available for research higher degree students whose supervisor(s) receive ARC grants in order to do collaborative research with industry (e.g. BHP).

- Students are selected by the researcher who received the grant. Only Australian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply.

- The stipend for APAIs in 2012 is $28,715 per annum - non taxable, thesis allowance, etc.

- Closing date depends on grant

ARC or NHMRC SCHOLARSHIPS

- ARC or NHMRC awards are available for research higher degree students whose supervisor(s) receive ARC grants in order to do pure or medically applied research.

- Students are selected by the researcher who received the grant.

- The stipend for ARCs or NHMRCs in 2011 is as per a UPA, ie $22,860 per annum - non taxable.
What can I do Post-PhD?
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Option 1

- Become a Post-Doctoral Researcher
  - salaries range ~$90,000 + benefits
  - Relatively easy to get a Post-Doc
  - Can work in any country (Europe, USA, Canada, Asia,...)
What can I do Post-PhD?

Option 2

Become an Applied Researcher

- Industry
  - Nissan Sponsored road research
  - BHP
  - ...

- Government
  - Defence forces (e.g. ADF, DSTO)
  - CSIRO
  - NRMA
What can I do Post-PhD?

Option 3

- Become a Research Academic
  - salaries range from ~$85,000 - $160,000 + benefits
  - Quite hard to get an academic position
  - Pretty much your own boss
  - Can work in any country (Europe, USA, Canada, Asia,...)
Dr. Gerard Stoyles

Clinical Psychology Programs and registration
Options overview

- 4+2 Path 2 years post 4th year
- 5+1 Path 2 years post 4th year
- Professional Masters 2 years post 4th year
- Professional Doctorate or DPsyc (3.5 years post 4th year)
- PhD in Clinical Psychology (combines professional Masters) 4 years post 4th year
Registration as a psychologist

- Two Options 4+2 or 5+1 internship programs
- Core capabilities and attributes
  - Knowledge of discipline
  - Ethical, legal and professional matters
  - Psychological assessment and measurement
  - Intervention strategies
  - Research and evaluation
  - Communication and interpersonal relationships
  - Working within a cross-cultural context; and
  - Practice across the lifespan
4 + 2 internship program

- 2 year internship
- 35 hr week, totalling minimum of 3080 hours
- Min 17.5 hours per week
- Max 8-week annual leave per ear
- One-on-one supervision by Board approved supervisor
  - 1 hour per 17.5 hours of supervised practice
  - 2/3rds individual rest could be group
- Min 60 hours professional development per full-time year
- Must consist of 40% client contact (min 1232 hrs) and 60% client related activities (min 1848 hrs)
- Must be completed within 5 years
- All work roles/placement must be approved by Board prior to commencement
- 6 month progress reports (supervisor and you)
Provisional psychologists can not operate as an independent private practitioner (i.e., sole trader or contractor)

5+1 Internship program

- Year 5 program offered at UoW in 2012
- Graduate Diploma of Professional Psychology plus one-year (or equivalent part time) of Board approved supervised practice placement (internship)
- Internship year
  - Based on 35 hour week, 7 hr day, min 1540 hours
  - Min 17.5 hours per week
  - Max 8 week annual and personal leave per year
  - 1-on-1 supervision with Board-approved supervisor
  - 60 hours professional development
Graduate Diploma in Professional Psychology

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Clinical Psychology programs

- Apply after completing 4th year program
- Either Hons or Graduate Diploma in Psychology
- Competitive Grades Distinction average (around 75% upwards)
- Personal statement – Why do you want to become a Clinical Psychologist
- Referees reports
- Any other notable experience or considerations
  - E.g., prior volunteer work, a second language, publication of Hons or Grad Dip research
Clinical Psychology programs

- Approximately 100-150 applications
- Approximately 40-45 shortlisted for interview
- Approximately 20-25 made offers
- Intake of 20 in 2012 anticipated

- Masters 2 years
- DPsych 3.5 years
- PhD Clinical 4 years
Clinical Masters (Year 1)

Session 1

- **GHMC951** Child and Adult Assessment and Psychopathology, 8cpts
- **GHMC952** Principles of Psychotherapy, 8cpts
- **PSYP901** Research Project A Part 1, 8cpts

Session 2

- **GHMC953** Neuropsychology & Neuropsychiatric Disorders, 8cpts
- **GHMC954** Cognitive Behavioural Therapies, 8cpts
- **PSYP902** Research Project A Part 2, 8cpts
Clinical Masters (Year 2)

Session 1
- GHMC955
- Health and Wellbeing, 8cpts
- PSYP903
- Research Project B Part 1, 16cpts

Session 2
- GHMC956
- Special Groups and Methods, 8cpts
- PSYP904
- Research Project B Part 2, 16cpts
Where do you end up working?

- Approx 29,000 registered psychologists in Australia
- Main jobs were distributed relatively evenly across the public (48%) and private (52%) sectors.
- However a second job was more likely to be in the private sector (72.8%).
- National Psychology Workforce Survey (2008)
  - Council of Psychologists Registration Boards, NSW Psychologists Registration Board and the APS
Figure 2. Percentage of survey participants in different work settings as part of a main job
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Figure 4. Percentage of participants working with different client groups as part of a main job.
Income

• Information from participants working at least 35 hours per week (n = 4,358)

• The majority of participants were earning between $60,000 and $100,000 per annum

• 16.5 per cent of psychologists reporting that they earn over $100,000.
NSW Health Award (1/7/10)

Psychologist
- Year 1
  - $54,606 (“in training”)
- Year 3 (registered)
  - $60,509
- Year 5
  - $67,889
- Year 9
  - $81,169

Clinical Psychologist
- Year 1
  - $78,221
- Year 3
  - $87,075
- Year 5
  - $95,929
- Year 9
  - $95,929
Medicare Benefits Schedule
Allied Health Services (1st July 2011)

Psychologists (registered)
- Focussed Psychological Strategies
- 50 minute session
- Benefit $102.50
- Up to 12 sessions per year

Clinical psychologists
- Psychological Therapy Services
- 50 minutes session
- Benefit $119.80
- Up to 12 sessions per year
Focussed psychological strategies

- Psychoeducation (including motivational interviewing)
- CBT
  - Behav. Mod., exposure therapy, activity scheduling, cognitive tx
- Relaxation strategies
- Skills training
  - Problem solving, anger management, social skills, communication, stress management, parenting
- Interpersonal psychotherapy (depression)
Career planning during undergraduate studies
Degree → career

- I know exactly what I want to do after I graduate and the subjects I need to take to get there

- I know I want to be a psychologist and am absolutely prepared for all the study but I’m not sure what field I want to specialise in

- I know I want a degree in psychology but I don’t think I want a career in psychology *per se*
Registered Psychologist

- Wait to listen to Frank Deane about how to get there
- Think about what area you want to work in when you do
  - Subject choices
  - Volunteer work

- Most psychologists don’t work with people who are mentally ill
## Types of psychologists

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<td>help individuals and groups with personal wellbeing, relationships, work, recreation, health and crisis management. <a href="http://www.psychology.org.au/study/careers/">Read more</a></td>
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Where can an undergraduate PSYC degree take me?

- Career options for a 3 or 4 yr PSYC degree?
- Quite a few actually

- Useful websites for job info (not job ads) about tasks performed, requirements, contacts, etc
What good is an undergraduate PSYC degree?

- Some key skills psyc grads offer employers include
  - Report Writing
  - Statistical analysis
  - Critical evaluation
  - Understanding of various perspectives
  - Higher order analysis

- Some extra-curricular activities to boost the CV include
  - volunteer work (e.g., research, 3rd yr scheme)
  - membership of professional association
Some career options

- Advertising
- Broadcasting
- Careers counsellor
- Child Welfare Case Worker
- Community Corrections Officer
- Community Development Officer
- Community Relations Officer
- Community Worker
- Developmental Care Worker
- EEO Representative
- Health Promotion Officer
- Human Resources Officer
- Industrial Relations Officer
- Insurance
- Intelligence analysis
- Journalist

- Libraries and archives
- Management Consultant or Analyst
- Market Research Analyst or Interviewer
- Marketing Officer
- Medical ethics and administration
- Occupational Health and Safety Officer
- Public Health Administrator or Investigator
- Public Relations/Affairs Officer
- Recruitment Officer
- Social Researcher
- Social and Human Service Assistant
- Training and Development Officer
- Welfare Worker
- Youth Worker
E.g., advertising

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Graduate careers & programs

- Graduate Careers Australia

- Department of Defence - Graduate Development Program
  - recruits university graduates with a range of academic qualifications from three year degrees to PhDs.

- Department of Human Services
  - includes Centrelink, Child Support and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing