

400-level Psychology: Overview and Options



1. **BA(Honours):** 120 points including 30 points in research-based courses (1 year).
 2. **BSc(Honours):** 150 points including a 30-point Research Project (150 points) (1 year).
 3. **Masters in Arts or Science:** by thesis only (1-2 years) *after a BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons)* OR as Part I (4th yr; 120 pts) plus Part II (thesis).
 4. **MSc Applied Psyc:** Industrial/Organisational Psychology (2 years).
- Important points:**
The choice between MA or MSc and BA(Hons) can be reversed at the end of 400. (Average 400-level grades higher than thesis grades.)
Unless you are really confident, do not do BSc (Hons).

General Points about 400 Level



1. Tougher than undergraduate. The workload is high and will creep up on you.
2. If you are doing a project (especially 470), start early. Hunt out a supervisor & topic before Xmas if you can!
3. You can do courses (up to 60 points with permission from us & them) outside psychology. (Must be 400 level or higher.)
4. Reasonable chance of picking up some part-time work (TA or RA) in the Psyc department.

Challenge?



You will work independently – find for yourself things you need to read, etc.

Time management is important. There will be about 2 weeks to put into each of 12-16 major assessment items.

There is big variation in how different papers work, but over them all you should learn some good skills (including presenting). Part of the skills development comes from the very different forms of assessment (e.g. research proposals).

Statistics and research methods at 400 level

You must do PSYC460 *Research Methods in Psychology* (15 points) for:

- BA (Hons) [mostly]
- Any thesis
- To get into clinical
- As part of the MSc (Applied Psychology)
- Just do it....

BA(Hons) Research Requirement



All BA(Hons) Degrees, must include a “substantial research component” – 30 points of research-based courses). Your options are:

1. PSYC470 *Project*; PSYC415 *Research in Experimental Analysis of Behaviour*; or PSYC433 *Research in Behavioural Pharmacology & Teratology* – these are all 30 point courses.
2. (i) PSYC460 *Research Methods in Psychology* **AND**
(ii) Either of the following: PSYC458 *Research in Visual Attention & Perceptual Neuropsychology*, PSYC475 *Directed Research in Psychology* – all 15 point courses.

BSc (Hons) Research Requirement



- All BSc(Hons) Degrees, must
- include 120 points taken from PSYC404-468 and PSYC472-473;
 - plus** the PSYC470 Project (30 points) (full year), which covers “a substantial research component”.

That is, 150 points in total
Don't!

Postgraduate Study: Entry Requirements



- 165 points from PSYC courses with at least 135 points at 200-level and above, including:
 - PSYC105 and PSYC106
 - PSYC206: *Research Design & Statistics*
 - At least three from PSYC207 – 212, **and**
 - At least 75 points at 300-level PSYC courses including PSYC344: *Research Methods* as a required course
- “B” Grade point average across your three best PSYC 300 courses (but B+ Grade needed for BSc Hons)
- Grad diploma: students with a non-Psyc degree need only the 200- and 300-level requirements.

400-level Papers in 2017



Full Year Courses (30 points, except PSYC475)

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| PSYC404 | Research in Human and Animal Neuropsychology |
| PSYC415: | Research in Experimental Analysis of Behaviour |
| PSYC428: | Forensic Psychology (Limited to 20) |
| PSYC433: | Research in Behavioural Pharmacology & Teratology (Limited to 25) |
| PSYC437: | Health Psychology – Theories and Interventions |
| PSYC470: | Research Project (limited to 20) |
| PSYC475: | Directed Research in Psychology (Limit 20; 15 points) |
- Limited Entry applications close 1 Feb 2017

400-level Papers



1st Semester Courses (15 points)

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| PSYC452: | Family Psychology (limited to 15 students) |
| PSYC458: | Research in Visual Attention and Perceptual Neuropsychology |
| PSYC460: | Research Methods in Psychology |
| PSYC466: | The Psychology of Intergroup Relations (Limit 15) |
| PSYC472: | History of Psychology |
| Psyc477: | Special Topic: Mental Health & Food (Limit 20) |
- Limited entry applications close 1 Feb.

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2nd Semester Courses (15 points)

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| PSYC461: | Cognitive Psychology |
| PSYC451: | Human Factors – Ergonomics |
| PSYC457: | Behavioural Interventions |
| PSYC471: | Special Topic: Advanced Research Methods |
| PSYC473: | The Individual and the Economy |

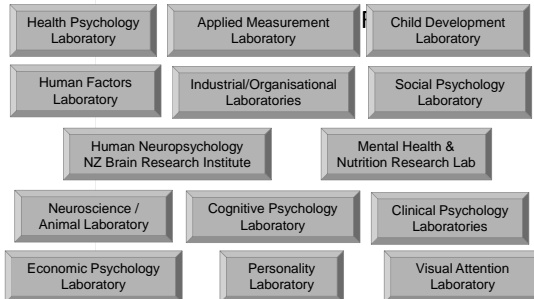
Research Degrees: MA, MSc, PhD



Study & Research Facilities



Numerous Options and Facilities



Experimental Research: Neuroscience Labs



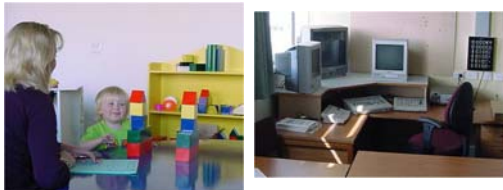
From Playdoh to High-tech Neuroscience



Child Development House



Parent getting tested by their child



MA, MSc, PhD



Supervision

- You need a supervisor and co-supervisor for all Masters and PhD theses.
- Generally supervisors oversee research within their area of expertise, and the actual research undertaken is collaborative between student and supervisor interests.
- 4th yr provides an opportunity to consider various fields of study, even specific research topics.

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Scholarships

- Summer Scholarships = \$5000 for 10 weeks (if available)
- UC Masters Scholarships = Tuition fees at NZ domestic rate for thesis only
- UC Doctoral Scholarships = \$21,000 per annum + domestic tuition fees

See <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships>

NB: Closing date for UC Masters / PhD Scholarships 15 October (another round in May)

Two Professional Courses:



- **Industrial / Organisational (MSc)**
- **Clinical Psychology (PG Diploma)**

MSc Applied Psychology: Industrial / Organisational



- Applications close 30th November
- 15 students per year
- **Year 1:** 120 points, including PSYC460, plus APSY courses (APSY601-619) to the equivalent of 105 points; some non-APSY courses can be taken instead, in consultation with APSY staff (see Handbook)



MSc Applied Psychology: Industrial / Organisational



- Year 2: APSY660 – Dissertation (90 points)
 - Original and independent research thesis, between 10,000 and 25,000 words in length
- Plus, further 30 points of elective courses from remaining APSY courses

MSc Applied Psychology: Industrial / Organisational



APSY: An applied programme focusing on providing practical knowledge and skills which are in demand among employers. Graduates get professional jobs after graduating and many progress to high levels in their organisations.

Jobs vary between *human resources, recruiting and selection, executive selection, organisational development, change management, organisational health promotion, performance management.*

This programme aims to make APSY graduates employable in New Zealand and overseas, as the skills are transferable to other contexts.

Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology



- Up to 12 students in total per year
- You apply from 400 level, not 300 level.
- Required Courses include:
 - PSYC335 *Abnormal Psychology* (or equivalent)
 - An Honours-level research methods course (PSYC460).
 - 4th year study at UC offers a gateway into the clinical psychology program, and is the foundation for those wanting to be Clinical Psychologists. 4th year courses provide a knowledge base to help build future expertise in clinical psychology.

Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology



- **Relevant Practical Experience:** Students are encouraged to seek relevant experience in clinical-related settings prior to application (Life/Youth-line; Stepping Stones (www.stepstone.org.nz; youth, adult and family health recovery services); Richmond Fellowship (www.richmondnz.org; community based mental health services); Research involving clinical populations, such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, depression, childhood disorders, etc).
- For more information on PGDipClinPsyc, see the Clinical Handbook, available on-line or the Main Office.

Fourth-Year: Enrolment



- After completing your 3rd year courses and receiving grades (early December), check with Robyn re entry requirements and see the PG Coordinator to verify suitable courses.
 - Email: psyc400coord@canterbury.ac.nz
- After receiving approval, enrol on-line
- Confirmation of entry into limited entry courses will be advised after 1 February close-off.
- Enrol for APSY earlier than this.

More Info ...



- For more information on courses available, go to our website <http://www.psyc.canterbury.ac.nz>
- 2017 Handbook (combined UG and PG) will be available on-line and in hard copy later in the year.

Our People



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Our People



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Questions ???



- Question Time ...
- We look forward to seeing you as a Psychology Post-Grad student in 2017!