COURSE DESCRIPTION
The Bachelor of Psychological Science provides a comprehensive understanding of psychology, including behavioural and mental processes, in an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) 14 unit sequence in psychology. The program also requires a four unit minor in counselling, to equip future psychologists with the skills for professional practice in an increasingly multicultural Australian society. Graduates will have a sound overview and understanding of the discipline of psychology. They will be able to employ a professional and ethical perspective and be able to think critically and scientifically.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:
Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)

PREREQUISITES
- Year 12 or equivalent English
- 2014 OP/Rank: 17/64, ATAR: 58.65 (Melbourne), 58.50 (Strathfield)

COURSE STRUCTURE
Students are required to complete a total of 24 units (240 credit points) including:
- Psychology Specified Units (140cp)
- Counselling Units (40cp)
- University Core Units (20cp)
- Learning in the Community (10cp)
- Electives (30cp)

PSYCHOLOGY SPECIFIED UNITS
- Foundations of Psychology
- Applications of Psychology
- Research Design and Statistics 1
- Critical Thinking in Psychology
- Lifespan Development
- Research Design and Statistics 2
- Abnormal Psychology
- Learning and Behaviour
- Cognitive Psychology
- Research Design and Statistics 3
- Social Psychology
- Psychological Assessment
- Brain and Behaviour
- Individual Differences

COUNSELLING MINOR
- Introduction to Counselling and Micro-Skills
- Ethical and Professional Issues in Counselling
- Humanistic Theories and Interventions
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Forensic Psychology
- Moral Psychology and Justice
- Health Psychology
- Introduction to Neuropsychology

PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES
- Culture and Psychology
- Organisational Psychology
- Small Group Processes
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Critical Thinking in Psychology
- Lifespan Development
- Research Design and Statistics 3
- Social Psychology
- Psychological Assessment
- Brain and Behaviour
- Individual Differences

CAREER OPTIONS AND PROGRESSION AS A PSYCHOLOGIST
Following further study in psychology at postgraduate level, graduates can pursue a career as a registered psychologist. (ACU offers the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and the Master of Psychology (Educational & Developmental))

FOURTH YEAR STUDIES
Graduates who complete the psychology sequence with appropriate grades in this program will be eligible to apply to fourth year studies in Psychological Science – the next step for career preparation to becoming a registered psychologist. Students who complete the Honours or Postgraduate Diploma programs will be eligible to apply for provisional psychologist registration, subject to meeting the criteria that have been set out by the Psychology Board of Australia.

BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (HONOURS): ONE YEAR FULL-TIME
Commonwealth supported program

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY*
One year full-time fee paying course

*This program is currently not AQF compliant (current course title - Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology). It is currently undergoing review and is fully expected to be AQF compliant for 2015.
## BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

### PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

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*Students must take at least one General Elective and at least one Psychology Elective.

### PSYCHOLOGY PROGRESSION MAP: PATHWAYS TO REGISTRATION

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### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

*"I chose to study psychology because I am interested in how the brain functions, how we think, feel and behave; and the implications of trauma on those functions. I chose ACU for my psychology degree because ACU offers me the opportunity to engage closely with the teaching staff who have always offered me their support throughout my degree."
- Rachael Wynne

*"The small campus size and committed staff at ACU are a perfect combination to help me achieve my goal of becoming a psychologist. My future career aspirations involve working in community mental health to gain a broad range of experience in the field of psychology and provide the best assistance I can to those in need."
- CarlyJade Rovers

### WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING?

**Psychology** is the study of the human mind and behaviour. Studying psychology provides students with a comprehensive understanding of behavioural and mental processes. Psychologists develop an expert knowledge of human behaviour, thought and emotion, with practical and research skills that can be applied to a wide variety of fields including health, education and business. Clinical psychologists are particularly concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses across the lifespan. Professional psychologists may also help healthy individuals to find ways of functioning better, for example, dealing effectively with stress and family problems.

**Counselling** focuses on client’s concerns and difficulties and developing an understanding of people’s patterns of thinking, feeling and behaving, and the ways in which these may be problematic in their lives. Studying counselling involves learning how to assist people to develop understanding about themselves and to make positive changes in their lives.