

Bachelor of Psychological Science

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What are the career options for students with a Psychology degree?

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Psychology

Helps students understand behaviour, cognitions and emotions:

- Why people (and other animals) think and act the way they do
- What factors are needed to produce competent, well-adjusted adults
- How we predict, influence and change behaviours

Is applicable across a broad range of subjects

Commonly taken as an elective across a range of degrees

Is more than "just" Clinical Psychology

 Students are able to study a broad range of sub-disciplines under the Psychology umbrella

Student outcomes

Students will gain:

 Knowledge of human development, personality, learning, cognition, social relationships, bicultural models of psychology, family/whānau and development, behavioural interventions, psychopathology, perception, research methods/data analysis, etc

Skills sought after by employers:

- Good quantitative data analysis skills
- Critical thinking skills and knowledge of scientific method
- Written and oral communication skills
- Understanding of human behaviour and behaviour change
- Work-integrated learning (in the BPsycSc)

Undergraduate career pathways

- Youth worker
- Human resources/recruitment
- Mental health professional (non-registered)
- Marketing officer
- Policy analyst
- Health promotions
- Data analyst/researcher
- Probation officer
- Programme facilitator

Undergraduate degrees

- BPsycSc Bachelor of Psychological Science
- BSc or BA with major in Psychology ('generalist' degrees)
- BHealSc (Bachelor of Health Science) with major in Psychology
- GradDip or GradDip (Graduate Diploma) or GradDipPsycSc

BA/BSc with PSYC major

BSc structure:

PSYC 105	PSYC 106	SCIE 101	100	100	100	100	100
PSYC 206	200 PSYC	200 PSYC	200 PSYC	200	200	200	100/200
300 PSYC	300 PSYC	300 PSYC	300 PSYC	300 PSYC	300	200/300	200/300

Bachelor of Arts Major in Psychology: same PSYC courses as above, other requirements at 100-level (two of ARTS102, MAOR165 or WRIT101), must include a Minor subject.

BHealSc

100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
HLTH101	HLTH106	HLTH110	BIOL116	PSYC105	PSYC106	E^	E
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	100/200
HLTH201	HLTH202	MAOR212 Or 270	PSYC206	PSYC2xx	PSYC2xx	PSYC2xx	E
300		300		300		200/300	200/300
HLTH301 (30 points)		PSYC339 (30 pts)		PSYC344 (30 pts		PSYC3xx	Е

BPsycSc

Psychology Minor 2

or

Psychology Core

+

Psychology Minor 1

+

Minor (other discipline)

or

Electives

BPsycSc

100	100	100	100	100	100		100		100
PSYC105 Introductory Psychology - Brain, Behaviour and Cognition	PSYC106 Introductory Psychology - Social, Personality and Developmental	PSYC107 Foundations of Psychological Science	SPSC114 The Art and Science of Human Communication	MAOR108 or TREO110 or HLTH106	Ele	ctive	Ele	ctive	Other discipline minor or elective
200	200	200	200	200	200		200		100/200
PSYC206 Introductory Research Methods and Statistics	PSYC208 Cognition	PSYC215 Introductory Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience	PSYC213 Introduction to Social Psychology	PSYC207 Developmental Psychology		nology or 1	Psyc Minor 1	Psyc Minor 2, other minor, or elective	Psychology Minor 2, other discipline minor, or elective
300	300	300	300	300	300		200/300		200/300
PSYC375 Intermediate Research Methods and Statistics	PSYC379 Introduction to Psychopathology	PSYC377 Psychology in Action - Bridging Theory and Practice	Psychology Minor 1	Psychology Minor 1	Psyc Minor 1	Psyc Minor 2, other minor, or elective	Min other d	hology or 2, iscipline or elective	Psychology Minor 2, other discipline minor, or elective

BPsycSc - Minors

PSYC Minors:

- Psychological Wellbeing
- Forensic Psychology
- Workplace Psychology
- Psychology for Common Good
- Neuroscience and Cognition
- Māori and Indigenous Perspectives

BPsycSc - Minors

• Can replace second minor with a range of Minors from other degrees:

Minors	Faculty	
Biology	Science	
Chemistry	Science	
Computer Science	Engineering	
Education	Education	
Economics	Business	
Environmental Science	Science	
Geography	Science	
Health Education	Health	
Human Resource Management	Business	
Human Services	Arts	
Linguistics	Arts	
Māori and Indigenous Studies	Arts	
Marketing	Business	
Media and Communication	Arts	

Minors	Faculty		
Nutrition	Health		
Pacific Studies	Arts		
Performance Data Analysis	Health		
Philosophy	Arts		
Physical Activity and Wellbeing	Health		
Public Health	Health		
Society and Policy	Health		
Sociology	Arts		
Sport Coaching	Health		
Sport Management	Health		
Sport Studies	Health		
Statistics	Engineering		
Strength and Conditioning	Health		
Te Reo Māori	Arts		
Youth and Community Leadership	Education		

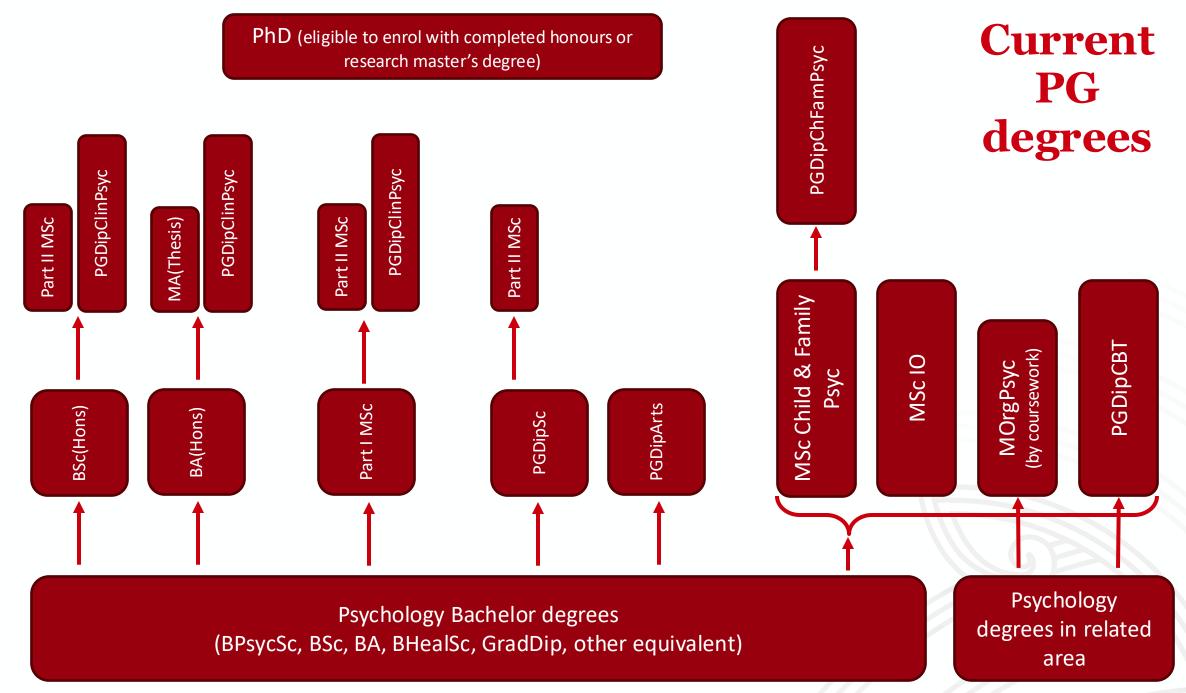
	Psychology major in the BA/BSc	Bachelor of Psychological Science
Degree structure	Generalist degree that can be combined with majors from the schedule and minors from across UC, allowing a large range of options.	Named psychology degree with significant psychology curriculum requirements.
Flexibility	Majority of psychology courses can be chosen freely.	Choice is constrained to promote in-depth focused learning within psychology.
Target students	For students with a clear interdisciplinary study plan.	For students wishing to focus on psychology.
Changes to course	Easy to accommodate changes of study	Will require special planning and
of study	direction and subject.	intervention for students wishing to change their course of study.
Employment opportunities	Employment pathways are broad.	Psychology minors allow greater learning in defined areas that can be linked to employment pathways.
Graduate attributes	Graduate attributes are considered by degree (BA/BSc/BHSc), not by discipline.	Graduate attribute specific to the BPsycSc.
WIL	WIL is optional.	WIL is part of the degree.

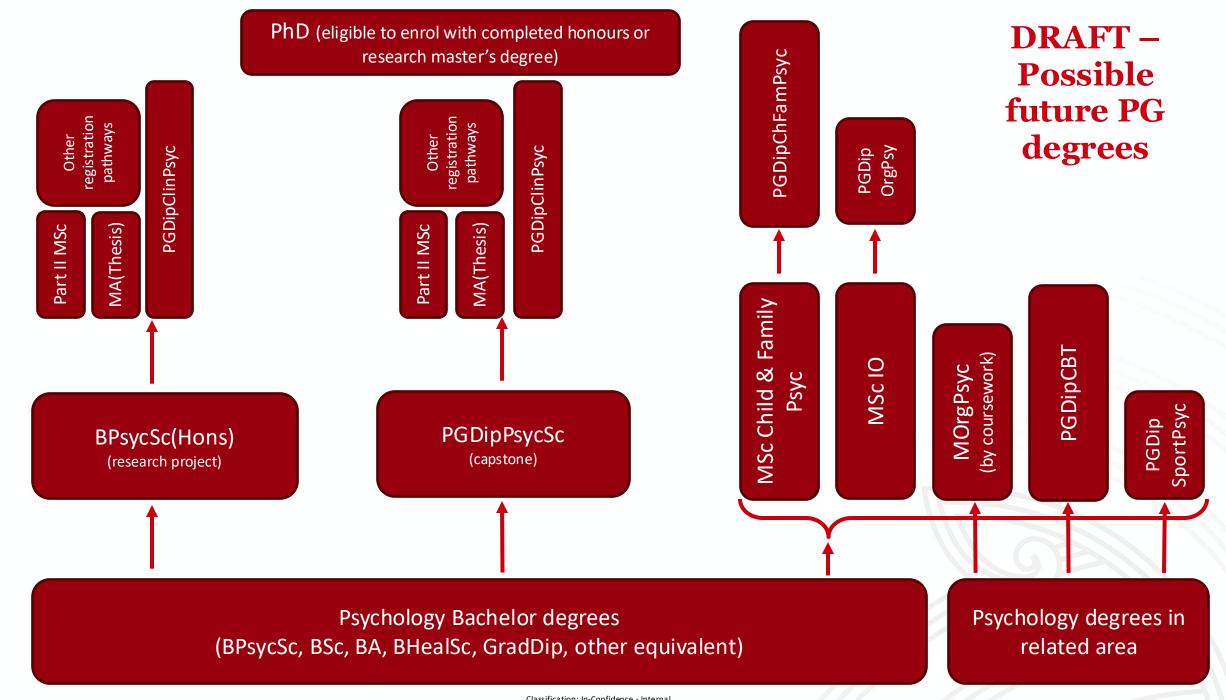
Why enrol in the BPsycSc?

- For students who know that they want to work in psychological career
- Strong work integrated learning component
- Some courses dependent on enrolment in BPsycSc: *PSYC376 Working with People Introduction to Professional Skills in Psychology* and *PSYC377 Psychology in Action*
- Can be completed online/via distance (for certain minors)
- GradDipPsycSc great option for mature students who want to change to a career in psychology at a later life stage

Graduate career pathways

- Clinical psychologist
- Registered psychologist
- Industrial/Organisational psychologist
- Child and Family psychology
- Advanced mental health professional
- Academic or researcher
- Social work
- Counselling





Work on future degrees/pathways

- Simplifying 400-level (Honours year) options for students
- Strengthening the work-integrated learning component of 400-level degrees
- UC currently part of Government working group for new assistant psychologist pathway and registration
- Currently exploring options for additional registration pathways, including forensic psychologist registration
- Will launch I/O Psychology registration pathway from 2025

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Q&A also available through MentiMeter

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