

Entry into the Fourth Year Program

The University of New England will offer two fourth year programs in Psychology from 2008 onwards. These are the Honours program and the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology. While both will offer an accredited fourth year in Psychology¹, the Honours program will qualify students for further postgraduate study (for example, PhD or Masters in Clinical Psychology), whereas the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology will not. Higher grades are needed for honours.

Please note that there are limited places in each program. Competition for places may mean that higher grades than those specified below are required for entry into both our fourth year programs. This means that qualifying for entry does not guarantee a place in the program. That depends on your average grades over your degree.

The following list of minimum requirements refers to "units" that are worth six credit-points in weight. A six credit-point unit at UNE is one quarter of a full-time load for one semester. We refer to the number of "Credits", "Distinctions" and "Passes" required. The grading system at UNE is:

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| Pass: | 50% - 64% | Distinction: | 75% - 84% |
| Credit: | 65% - 74% | High Distinction: | 85% - 100% |

Honours

Honours in Psychology can be studied either as the fourth year of a BPsych(Hons) or as a separate honours year in the BA(Hons), BSocSc(Hons), or BSc(Hons). First preference for entry is given to UNE psychology graduates.

Entry into the fourth year of the BPsych(Hons)

The BPsych(Hons) degree has progression requirements that students must satisfy in order to stay in the degree. Provided these are met, entry into the fourth year is guaranteed. The progression requirements relate to the level of pass that students obtain in their units. The present requirements apply to all students who **commenced their degree at UNE in 2005**, either as a transfer from another degree or as a commencing student. These minimum requirements are:

- Credit in PSYC101 or PSYC102 and a Pass in the other.
- Credit in PSYC202, plus two Distinctions and one Credit in PSYC units at the 200 level.
- Four Distinctions and two Credits in PSYC units at the 300 level, including PSYC302.

For students who commenced their BPsych(Hons) **prior to 2005** the progression requirements are:

- Credit in PSYC101 or PSYC102 and a Pass in the other.
- Credit in PESS202 or PSYC202, plus two Credits and one Pass in PSYC units at the 200 level.
- Six Credits in PSYC units at the 300 level, including PSYC302.

Entry into BA(Hons), BSocSc(Hons) and BSc(Hons) in Psychology

All applicants must have a degree, obtained within the last ten years, with an APAC-accredited three-year sequence in psychology which meets the minimum requirements specified below.

The **minimum requirements** are:

- PSYC101 and PSYC102.
- Credit in PSYC202 or PESS202, plus two Credits and one Pass in PSYC units at the 200 level. For students starting their degree in 2009 onwards, these units will be PSYC200,

¹ The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council reviewed both programs in August 2008.

202, 206 and 213.

- Three Distinctions and one Credit in PSYC units at the 300 level, including PSYC302. For students starting their degree in 2009 onwards, these units will be PSYC301, 302, 366 and an additional 6 credit points in psychology at 300 level.

The Graduate Diploma in Social Science offers an entry path into Honours for students who have completed a degree in another discipline and who wish to move into Psychology. It can also be used as a vehicle for students to undertake additional Psychology units if they already have completed a degree in Psychology. Qualification for entry via the Graduate Diploma does not guarantee a place. The same averaging principles and cut-off point that apply to degree-based entry also apply to the Diploma. Students in the Graduate Diploma in Social Science may be granted exemption for PSYC 101 and PSYC 102 depending on their background in psychology. Information about using the Graduate Diploma in Social Science as a psychology bridging program is available at <http://www.une.edu.au/bcss/psychology/programs/GradDipSocSc-bridging.php>.

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology

To qualify for entry into the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology you need a degree, obtained within the last ten years, with an APAC-accredited three-year sequence which contains an average grade of Credit across the 200 and 300 level units in Psychology (including PESS 202). At UNE, this sequence is:

- PSYC101 and PSYC102.
- PSYC202.
- Three PSYC units at the 200 level. For students starting their degree from 2009 onwards, these units will be PSYC200, 206 and 213.
- Four PSYC units at the 300 level. One of these units must be PSYC302. For students starting their degree from 2009 onwards, these units will be PSYC301, 302, 366 and an additional 6 credit points in psychology at 300 level.

As with the honours program, only a limited number of places are offered. Given that demand for entry into this program is expected to be high, first preference will be given to students who have completed a major in psychology at UNE. They will be rank-ordered on the basis of grades in second and third year psychology. Any places that are left after making offers to UNE graduates who have met the minimum requirements will be allocated to outside applicants on the basis of grades. No other criteria will be taken into account.

The minimum requirement for entry from the **Graduate Diploma in Social Science** are:

- Three or four PSYC units at the 200 level, including PSYC202. Students starting their degree in 2009 onwards must do PSYC200, 202, 206 and 213.
- Four or Five PSYC units at the 300 level. One of these units must be PSYC302. Students starting their degree in 2009 onwards must do PSYC 301, 302, 366 and an additional 6 credit points in psychology at 300 level.

Students must have an average grade of Credit across the 200 and 300 level units in Psychology (including PSYC 202).

If your accredited major is more than ten years old

Where the accredited major in psychology is more than ten years old and meets the requirement of a Credit average, applicants are advised to update their qualification by re-sitting the third year of their major. They can do this by completing four units in PSYC at third year level (including PSYC302) in the Graduate Certificate in Arts.

Where the accredited major in psychology is more than ten years old and does not meet the requirement of a Credit average, applicants are advised to upgrade their qualification by completing a new accredited major in psychology in the Graduate Diploma of Social Science and meeting the minimum Credit average.