

Postgraduate Psychology FAQ's

1. What are the future career outcome options for someone studying Psychology?

After Undergraduate

For those who exit after a Bachelor (or equivalent e.g. Bridging), they may pursue work in Recruitment, Sales, Advertising and Marketing, Career Counselling or Human Resources as examples (these areas may require further study). Other related fields are Criminology, Counselling, Behaviour Management, and other Allied Health areas such as Occupational Therapy.

After Fourth Year

For those who exit after Fourth Year, they may pursue the above career areas as well as Research Assistant type roles.

After Masters

For those who complete through to Masters and don't wish to go into Private Practice, they may look to work in Schools as Career/Guidance Counsellors, work in Allied Health and other areas that require a registered Psychologist.

Practicing Psychologist

For those intending to become a practicing Psychologist in Australia, they must complete six years of study: Bachelor (or equivalent e.g. Bridging), Fourth Year and Masters. This is the minimum to become registered as a general practicing Psychologist in Australia. Eligible students may complete a further two years in a field of specialisation to become endorsed in that field (e.g. Child Psychology, Health Psychology, Forensic Psychology and so on).

More Information

SEEK is a great place to do self-research into what roles are available for students who have studied Psychology and what skills, and further study are/may be required.

2. How to become a registered Psychologist in Australia?

Students must complete six years of study in Psychology: Bachelor (or equivalent e.g. Bridging), Fourth Year, then either the 5+1 Masters and Internship pathway (Master of Professional Psychology) or two year Masters (e.g. Master of Psychology (Clinical)).

Students should familiarise themselves with the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Authority (AHPRA) - who are the accrediting and registration bodies for Psychology in Australia - if they are passionate about becoming a practicing Psychologist.

3. Can you apply for registration in any overseas countries?

Each Country has its own Accreditation Body and requirements. It would be up to the student to familiarise themselves with the requirements in the overseas country they wish to become registered, and have their qualifications assessed for equivalency. There may be further study required - e.g. in the United States, a Doctorate is the minimum level of study to become registered whereas in Australia it is Masters.

4. What are the requirements of the degrees?

Our program requirements, degree structures, subject outlines and entry requirements for further study are available on the Bond Website, in our School of Psychology brochure and in our Student Guides for each program available once admitted to the program (via iLearn).

5. Is there an internal transfer process from the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Bridging) to Fourth Year, depending on grades achieved in the bridging program?

Students who complete the Bridging Program and who meet the GPA eligibility criteria may apply for Fourth Year. Students are recommended to apply in their final semester if they wish to undertake Fourth Year in the following semester (after completing their initial degree), or upon completion of the degree in full if looking to commence in a future semester.

6. What is the process for getting a supervisor for Honours or Fourth Year?

Students are provided with a list of current Projects available, and available Supervisors at the Mandatory Orientation Seminar in O Week. Students are required to nominate their preferences and submit the nomination form no later than the first class of Thesis 1 (Week 1). This format occurs each semester, and students are required to nominate only in the semester in which they are enrolled in Thesis 1.

7. If you have a conditional offer for Fourth year, when can you enrol in subjects?

Once you have satisfied any conditions of your Offer and been Admitted to the program.

8. What do class timetables look like?

Most classes have a Two (2) Hour Forum (Lecture) and One (1) Hour Tutorial each week for Twelve (12) weeks. Multivariate Research Methods is the exception with a Two (2) Hour Forum and Two (2) Hour Tutorial each week for Twelve (12) weeks.

Classes are scheduled Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and will vary each semester.

The Timetable for 2024 is now available on the Bond Website, along with the 2023 Timetable for comparison.

9. What do PhD pathways look like and/or require?

The PhD is usually applied for after the completion of a Masters program. However, there is scope for students to apply following Fourth Year, provided they have a GPA of 75% - the same as the GPA to be eligible to apply for the Master of Psychology (Clinical).

A student applying straight after Fourth Year may be required to commence in a Master of Philosophy and at the 9-12 month Confirmation mark (where they present on their research topic findings to date and map out their planned research), apply to upgrade to PhD. If the Panel does not believe the student is ready to upgrade, they will complete the Master of Philosophy in full and then apply for PhD upon completion.

Applicants for the PhD are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) with a synopsis of their intended research topic, for tender to the appropriate Academics for their availability as Supervisor. If a Supervisor accepts, then the Applicant is required to submit a full and detailed Application.

Some students will undertake the PhD after Fourth Year then apply for Masters to obtain registration, whilst most complete Masters so that they can work in Private Practice while undertaking a PhD (i.e. to earn an income).

A PhD is not accredited and is not required for registration in Australia. A student will pursue this if they have a passion for Research or a career in Academia.

The subject fees for the PhD at Bond, in the Faculty of Society and Design are waived provided the student completes within the allotted time (3-4 years full-time).

10. What does the Honours program consist of?

Detailed information regarding the structure of the Fourth Year programs, along with subject outlines and degree sequencers can be found on the Bond Website.

11. Are there any grade requirements for the Honours program?

Detailed information about the entry requirements for all our programs can be found on their individual program pages on the Bond Website.

12. Who is working with the Honours students?

Our qualified Academics and Tutors, and fellow Fourth Year students.

13. Are there any registration requirements or choices that need to be made prior to commencing the Honours program?

Students are required to attend a Mandatory Orientation Seminar on the Thursday of O Week, where a comprehensive overview of the program, the expectations of students and staff, and the nomination of supervisors will be discussed. No further decisions need to be made before hand - other than to enrol.

Similarly for the Bridging Program, the Undergraduate Psychology Orientation will be held on Thursday of O Week and will provide information on the program and future pathways.