

What Next After UG Psychology? – Information Session Q&A

Fourth Year / Honours	
Question	Response
What are the entry requirements?	You can find information about our courses including the entry requirements, study load options, career pathways and more on the relevant course study page: • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) • Bachelor of Science (Honours) • Bachelor of Biomedicine (Honours) • Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) • Psychology Honours Specialisation
What can I expect from the course (subjects, class time, assessment etc.)?	You can find detailed information on course structure and learning outcomes for each of our courses on the relevant handbook page: • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) • Bachelor of Science (Honours) • Bachelor of Biomedicine (Honours) • Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) If you click through to the course structure page, you'll see a list of the subjects you will take in this course. You can in turn click through to each subject to find out more detailed subject-specific information.
How many places are available in Fourth Year / Honours?	There are approximately 100 places available across the fourth-year programs each year, dependent on the number of available supervisor places.
Are there CSPs in fourth year / Honours?	Yes, all domestic students accepted into the fourth year / honours courses will be on a CSP.
Will I be registered as a psychologist after completing Honours?	No, in order to be registered as a Psychologist in Australia there is additional study that must be completed. Please review our pathways document to see the various study options at UoM to become a registered psychologist.
Can a student completing their bachelor's degree go straight into the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) rather than Honours?	Yes, both the honours year options (in Arts, Science or Biomedicine) or the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) are considered fourth year psychology and are effectively the same course. The difference of which is most suitable for you to go into will depend on what you have studied previously.

What if I don't get into Honours / fourth year?	There are a variety of other options you may want to pursue as an alternative to honours. Please review our pathways document to see the various psychology study options at UoM.
What is Honours? Is Honours like my bachelor's studies?	Honours is a transitional year on the way to becoming an independent researcher and/or practitioner. It is an academic research apprenticeship, you are working under a supervisor, learning how to conduct research and completing a research project. An honours year is more like a postgraduate degree than an undergraduate degree.
Can I defer my offer for Honours?	No. Offers for Honours / fourth year cannot be deferred. If you are unable to commence after receiving an offer and want to start later, you would need to re-apply for a future intake.
Can I study Honours part-time?	Yes, it is possible for domestic students but must be approved. Psychology Honours is available as one year full-time or two years part-time. The research project is completed in the first year and the coursework in the second year for part-time students. International students studying on a Student visa are not permitted to study this degree part-time under their visa conditions.
How do we find projects for Honours?	You do not need to contact a prospective supervisor or try to organise your own project as part of the application process in Psychology Honours. Successful applicants will be advised of the projects/supervisor preference process after they are given a course offer.
How can I increase my chances of getting into the course? How can I make my application stand out?	Selection for Honours is based on academic performance. An entry score of 80 or above is considered competitive, although the cut-off can vary from year to year.
How can I have recognition of disadvantage or special consideration when my course application is assessed.	If you are applying for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) and have experienced, or are experiencing, disadvantage, you may be eligible for Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM) . GAM is taken into consideration in the selection process. GAM is not available for the Honours streams.
How do you calculate the Psychology entry score for applications for Fourth Year / Honours?	In calculating the weighted average, the average of the third year Psychology subjects is assigned twice the weight of the average of the second year Psychology subjects. To calculate your fourth year Psychology entry score you will need two values: a = your average score for Level 2 (second year) psychology subjects b = your average score for Level 3 (third year) psychology subjects The formula for calculating your entry score is $(a + 2b)/3$ So, if your Level 2 average is 70 and your Level 3 average is 80, your formula score would be $(70 + 160)/3 = 76.67$.
How do I apply for Psychology Honours? Is there a specific Psychology application?	The application process and relevant courses are available on the application information page: https://go.unimelb.edu.au/8vv8
What is the application deadline for Psychology Honours for 2027?	The application deadline is 16 October 2026 at 11.59 PM.
Are the Arts, Science and Biomedicine Honours streams different?	The Psychology Honours / fourth-year programs are the same cohort and have the same structure and syllabus content. The appropriate Honours stream depends on your undergraduate

	degree.
Is the entry score the same for Honours and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)?	Yes. The entry score is the same for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Biomedicine Honours streams and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced). An entry score of 80 or above is considered competitive.
Does Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM) lower the entry requirements for Honours?	Graduate Access Melbourne is available for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced), not the Honours streams. GAM is taken into consideration in the selection process for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced).
Can I apply for both Honours and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)?	We do not recommend applying for both. This may be considered a duplicate application, and the application will be considered in relation to the program most relevant to your undergraduate degree.
Are Honours and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) treated equally when applying for a Master's degree?	Yes. Honours and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) are considered equally, provided the qualification is an APAC-accredited fourth-year sequence in Psychology. Students in both programs study the same subjects and are part of the same cohort.
Are full-time and part-time applicants assessed differently?	No. Full-time and part-time applicants are assessed using the same selection criteria.
Can I change from full-time to part-time after applying or commencing?	You should apply for your preferred study mode. If you need to change from full-time to part-time, you need to outline the reason to the Course Coordinator/Convenor and provide supporting evidence where required. It is preferred that any change is made when accepting the offer and before the research project is allocated.
Is there a mid-year intake for Honours?	No. There is one intake at the start of the year.
Can I apply before I have received my final results or official transcript?	Yes. You can submit your application with your most recent results while final results are pending. If eligible, you may receive a conditional offer requiring submission of your final results and/or achievement of specified academic conditions.
Do current University of Melbourne students need to upload their transcript?	Current University of Melbourne students can indicate their Unimelb status in the application and do not need to upload their transcript. Admissions will have access to their final results.
When will I find out whether I have been offered a place in Honours?	Selection generally occurs in December–January, with outcomes communicated after applications have closed. Please refer to the Psychology Honours entry requirements page for the current selection timeline: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours-specialisation/psychology/entry-requirements/#nav
How are Honours projects allocated?	Project selection is communicated after students are accepted into the program. Students complete a preferences survey and allocation is made by the Course Convenor, generally in January–February. Project matching takes the entry WAV into account and considers student preferences.
Does the Honours research project or 'placement' affect entry to	Honours does not include a placement; it includes a

a Master's degree?	thesis/research project. The topic of the thesis does not have any bearing on a Master's application.
Can I ask my Honours supervisor for a reference letter?	Yes, you can ask your Honours supervisor for a reference letter.
What if I have a Bachelor of Psychological Sciences from another institution rather than a Bachelor of Arts, Science or Biomedicine?	You would most likely be best suited to the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced). If you are unsure, email psych-fourthyear@unimelb.edu.au with details of your degree so the team can clarify which course is appropriate.
If I have an APAC-accredited Graduate Diploma in Psychology from another university, can I apply for Honours or the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)?	If you have an appropriately accredited Graduate Diploma in Psychology from another university, you may apply for Honours or the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced).
What is the difference between the Graduate Diploma in Psychology and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)?	The Graduate Diploma in Psychology is for students who have not completed a Psychology major in their bachelor's degree. After completing the Graduate Diploma in Psychology, students can pursue the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) as their fourth year of Psychology.
Does my general WAM matter for fourth-year entry, or only my Psychology subjects?	For the fourth-year Psychology entry score, the Psychology subjects from second and third year are considered. All relevant Psychology subjects from those years are included.
Does fourth-year Honours use the same scaling as undergraduate Psychology subjects?	No. Fourth-year Honours subjects are scaled differently from undergraduate subjects.
Is there a usual proportion of internal versus external applicants for Honours?	There is no definitive proportion of internal and external applicants. The proportion varies from year to year depending on the applicant cohort.
Does work experience or other non-academic experience help with admission to Honours?	No. Selection for Honours is based on the entry score calculated from academic performance in the relevant Psychology subjects. Work experience, interviews and other non-academic factors are not part of the Honours selection process.
What are the main research areas available for Honours projects?	Honours students complete a research project with a supervisor. Information about available projects and the project selection process is provided after students are accepted into the program. Students then indicate their research interests and preferences before projects are allocated.
Can I take a gap year before starting fourth year?	Yes. You can apply for the year in which you wish to commence. Offers for Honours / fourth year cannot be deferred, so if you want to start in a later year you would need to apply for that intake.
For international students with a three-year APAC-accredited Psychology sequence, is the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) the only fourth-year option?	Not necessarily. If your three-year Psychology sequence has been assessed and approved as meeting the relevant requirements, you should contact psych-fourthyear@unimelb.edu.au with details of your qualification so the team can confirm which fourth-year Psychology course is appropriate for you.
Can I work while studying?	Students should consider the overall study workload when deciding whether to work while studying.

Master of Biomedical Science (Psychology)	
Question	Response

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What are the entry requirements?	You can find information about our courses including the entry requirements, study load options, career pathways and more on the relevant course study page: Master of Biomedical Science
What can I expect from the course (subjects, class time, assessment etc.)?	You can find detailed information on course structure and learning outcomes for each of our courses on the relevant handbook page: Master of Biomedical Science If you click through to the course structure page, you'll see a list of the subjects you will take in this course. You can in turn click through to each subject to find out more detailed subject-specific information.
What is the difference between completing Psychology Honours or a Master of Biomedical Science with psychology specialisation?	While both options contain a mix of research and coursework study, the master's is a two-year course, rather than the one-year course for the honours. There is additional coursework and research study completed in the master's vs the honours year that makes up the additional year of study. Please note, while the Master of Biomedical Science (Psychology) is similar to Psychology Honours in that it is suitable for those with an interest in psychology research, it is not a pathway for clinical psychology training. You can compare the specific differences in subjects between the two courses by viewing the subjects on offer in each in the handbook listings for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) and the Master of Biomedical Science.
Can I enter the Master of Biomedical Science (Psychology) from an Arts degree with a Psychology major?	Applicants need to have studied in a relevant discipline. Relevant disciplines listed in the session response include Anatomy, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, Cell and Developmental Biology, Chemistry, Data Science, Genetics, Immunology, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology and Psychology.

Master of Applied Psychology	
Question	Response
What are the entry requirements?	You can find information about our courses including the entry requirements, study load options, career pathways and more on the relevant course study page: Master of Applied Psychology
What can I expect from the course (subjects, class time, assessment etc.)?	You can find detailed information on course structure and learning outcomes for each of our courses on the relevant handbook page: Master of Applied Psychology If you click through to the course structure page, you'll see a list of the subjects you will take in this course. You can in turn click through to each subject to find out more detailed subject-specific information.
What career options will I have after completing this course?	The Master of Applied Psychology (MAP) will arm you with the skills and knowledge to apply psychological theories to real-world problems. As a graduate of this program, you'll be in a prime position to pursue a career in fields such as marketing,

	social/consumer research, advertising, user experience, consulting, public policy, or the non-profit sector. The MAP was created to fill a gap in the market for applied psychology students (distinct from clinical or organisational psychologists) who want to work in emerging areas of behaviour change, behavioural insights, social research, and consumer decision-making.
What WAM is competitive for the Master of Applied Psychology (MAP)?	A WAM above 75 is recommended to be competitive. This can change from year to year depending on the applicant pool.
What are the entry requirements for the Master of Applied Psychology for international students?	Please refer to the Master of Applied Psychology course page for the current international entry requirements: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-applied-psychology/
Is there a mid-year intake for MAP?	No. The Master of Applied Psychology is available only in the Start Year intake.
Are CSPs available for MAP, and how are they allocated?	All applicants are first considered for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). CSP places are limited and are allocated competitively based on academic merit.
Would MAP be useful for someone who already has work experience?	Yes. The session noted that some students enter the MAP after a period of work experience.
If I want to work in consumer behaviour or market research, do I need MAP?	While an undergraduate degree can qualify you for entry-level roles, the Master of Applied Psychology provides specialised, hands-on training in behavioral science, advanced research design, and data analysis. This targeted expertise makes you a far more competitive candidate for sought-after positions and accelerates your career progression into senior analytical and strategic roles
Would MAP or a PhD be better for a career in behavioural insights?	It depends on your primary career goals. A PhD is focused on producing extensive, independent research designed for theoretical contribution or specialist research roles. In contrast, the MAP blends coursework and research skills and focuses on applied practice, equipping you with real-world research methodologies and behavioral science tools designed for industry, policy, and strategy.
Can I apply for MAP if I am completing Honours at another university?	Yes. MAP applications are open to applicants from other universities provided they meet the entry requirements. Depending on the subjects of your Honours program, you may be eligible for subject credit for our statistics subject.
How are MAP offers handled if final third-year results are not yet available?	You must apply before the application closing date. Applications can be considered using results available up to Semester 1 2026. If you are eligible for an offer, it may be conditional on completing your bachelor's degree with the required WAM.
Is the Master of Applied Psychology (MAP) an APAC-accredited fourth-year sequence?	No. The Master of Applied Psychology does not carry professional accreditation and is not an APAC-accredited fourth-year sequence or a pathway to general registration as a psychologist.
Would MAP be suitable if I want to work in educational/developmental psychology?	If your goal is to pursue an educational/developmental psychology pathway, Honours or the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) would be the recommended fourth-

Master of Professional Psychology	
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What are the entry requirements?	You can find information about our courses including the entry requirements, study load options, career pathways and more on the relevant course study page: • Master of Professional Psychology Note: This course is only available to Domestic students. Domestic students are students who are Australian or New Zealand citizens, or Australian permanent residents.
What can I expect from the course (subjects, class time, assessment etc.)?	You can find detailed information on course structure and learning outcomes for each of our courses on the relevant handbook page: • Master of Professional Psychology If you click through to the course structure page, you'll see a list of the subjects you will take in this course. You can in turn click through to each subject to find out more detailed subject-specific information.
What career options will I have after completing this course?	Upon completion of this course, you will be eligible for entry to a one-year internship and to sit the National Psychology Exam and then apply for registration as a general psychologist. You will be clinically trained and upskilled to work at a broader population-level focused on key societal issues such as understanding community behaviour change. As a general psychologist, you will be ready to apply your skills in assessment and treatment with a wide range of clients, mostly with mild to moderate mental health conditions.
If I have completed an Honours year, will I be eligible for credit going into the MPP?	If you have already completed fourth year and are successful in applying to the UoM MPP program you may be eligible for some course credit. This won't take a full year off the program, but it will mean you are exempt from completing the fourth year research and statistics components and likely some other subjects. If you are considering this option, it would be a good idea to reach out to us to discuss in more detail.
If I have completed an Honours year, then am I still able to apply for the MPP or should I apply for one of the clinical masters courses?	It really depends on your future work interests and which direction you want to take. A clinical psychologist is more of a specialist whereas MPP graduates work more as generalist psychologists. You can also complete the MPP and at a later stage do a 'bridging' course- such as the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology to be eligible for endorsement as a clinical psychologist.
How many places are available in the MPP?	The exact number of places is not disclosed.
Can I apply for the MPP without having completed Honours?	Yes. You do not need to have completed Honours / fourth year in order to be eligible for the MPP.
Are there any recommendations for the referee report when applying for Masters psychology courses?	Our requirement is that applicants for our Masters programs in Psychology must apply for two references (to be submitted online) from academic and/or professional referees. If possible,

	at least one referee report should be completed by an academic staff member. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by any registered profession (and not just a registered psychologist). It is advisable that the academic staff member reference is from a psychology academic, but if not possible, any academic staff member is suitable too. Choose referees who know you - we aren't going to be making decisions based on who your referee is but what that say about you. While work or volunteer experience in the field of psychology is not an entry requirement for our Masters programs, if you have relevant experience, you may wish to refer to it in your application.
Is there a bridging program if I complete the MPP and later decide I want to be a Clinical Psychologist?	Yes there is! If you are a domestic student and already registered as a psychologist in Australia, you may be eligible for the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology as a pathway to become a Clinical Psychologist.
What WAM is competitive for MPP?	A WAM of 75 is the eligibility threshold. A WAM of around 80-85 would be competitive.
How are MPP applicants selected?	MPP has limited places. Applicants are ranked and shortlisted for interview based on academic performance. Other selection information is also considered including Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM), referee reports, and personal statements. Final offers are made considering these elements in addition to interview performance.
Is the Master of Professional Psychology only available to domestic students?	Yes. The MPP is only available to domestic students.
Why is the UniMelb MPP two years when some other universities offer one-year programs?	The University of Melbourne MPP is a two-year course because it accepts students directly from a three-year APAC-accredited undergraduate degree and combines fourth-year-equivalent study with professional training. The course also includes 300 hours of placement.
Are there overseas placements in the MPP?	No. There are no overseas placements for the MPP. The placements are two days per week and run concurrently with semester classes.
Can students who complete Honours apply for the fifth year of MPP?	Students completing Honours at the end of 2026 can apply for the 2027 MPP intake, subject to the application deadline and eligibility requirements. Applicants may apply with pending final results and may receive a conditional offer requiring final results. Note that students who have completed an honours in psychology cannot directly enrol into the second year of the MPP. This is because the first year of the MPP includes professionally-relevant subjects beyond the scope of traditional honours programs, and are core requirements in preparation for the second year.
What types of referees should I provide for the Master of Professional Psychology?	Applicants must provide two references. At least one should be from an academic referee and the other can be a professional referee. An academic referee can be an academic staff member, such as a lecturer or tutor; a Psychology academic is preferred where possible but is not compulsory.
Are references and personal statements considered for MPP selection?	The selection committee considers Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM), referee reports and the personal statement.

Non-course specific questions	
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What is the difference between a Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Neuropsychologist?	Clinical psychology is concerned with understanding behavioural problems. Neuropsychologists are concerned with the affective, behavioural, and cognitive manifestations of diseases of the central nervous system, particularly those affecting the brain, in adults and children.
How many hours per week do I need to spend studying? Can I work a job while studying my psychology course?	Full-time students are expected to spend around 30-40 hours per week on a combination of classes, placements and self-study. As most of a student's time will already be spent on their studies, we recommend students do not work more than approximately 8-10 hours per week, as it will become increasingly difficult to juggle employment and studies at the same time.
What is the process for becoming a practicing psychologist?	There are a few different pathways that a student might take to become a registered psychologist in Australia. Please take a look at the pathways information on the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council for a broad overview of how this works.
What if I don't get the results to get into my preferred course?	Please review our pathways document to see the various psychology study options at UoM.
Are internal UoM applicants preferred to external applicants?	Both internal and external applicants are assessed equally.
How can I stand out as an applicant? What can I do to boost my chances for a successful application?	For all of our courses, the initial assessment for eligibility is made based on past academic performance. Your best chances for success will come from doing as well as possible in your previous studies. Some of our courses also include interviews as part of the application process. For these, you will first be shortlisted based on past academic results at which point performance in the interview will become a key element of how the final eligibility decision is made.
Can I defer my course offer?	Students can request to defer course offers but these requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Offers for the Honours / Fourth Year streams can not be deferred.
I have a question that isn't addressed in this document?	The answers to most questions about our courses can be found on the relevant Study or Handbook pages. If you have already looked at these and can't find the answer to your question, please reach out to us via the Enquire button found on the Study page of the course you are interested in. When you are on the relevant course, look for the Enquire button on the right-hand side of the page.
Is psychologist registration required to apply for a PhD?	Not necessarily. PhD applicants should refer to the specific PhD entry requirements for the course they are applying for: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-philosophy-medicine-dentistry-and-health-sciences/
For international students, what is the pathway to psychologist registration at the University of Melbourne?	The University of Melbourne's Master of Psychology suite of courses is the pathway available to international students seeking registration through study at the University. The Master of Professional Psychology is only available to domestic students.