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Questions	Answers
If we didn't make honours or the graduate diploma of psychology (advanced) at unimelb, how likely is it that we would be accepted for honours programs at other universities such as monash, rmit, deakin, etc?	I advise you to contact other Universities directly and enquire their entry requirements.
Application process for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) for external students, including entry requirements	Applications are submitted online via <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/how-to-apply/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/how-to-apply/#nav</a> . Please note the entry requirements on the study page.
What would be the best indicator for whether you are more suited to be a general psych (MAP) or a clinical psychologist?	I advise you to visit the study web pages of your course of interest and determine which suits your interests.
More information on the entry requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) for interstate applications - do I need to have 75 WAM to be competitive?	Both internal and external applicants are assessed equally and it is highly recommend to achieve well above the minimum WAM requirement due to the high competitiveness of the honours program.
How does the selection process work for projects?	A list of projects will be sent out to all students after notification of acceptance into Honours. Students will be able to rank their preferences for projects across all of the areas in Psychology. There will be some limits on how many projects you can select from each area. My overall advice is to read all of the projects carefully. Clinical projects are very popular and get filled up very quickly, so you need to be open to working on a different project and carefully consider the projects that are outside of your own preferred areas. Also, please keep in mind that there are some projects outside the clinical area that have clinical applications - these also tend to be very popular and fill up quickly, so you may want to consider at least a few projects that do not have clinical applications. There are

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	<p>some projects that have special requirements - you can get in contact with the supervisor and ask them about this, but the majority of the projects will not.</p>
<p>How has this honours degree set you up for success in your pathway to being a psychologist?</p>	<p>The science of psychology involves a wide range of perspectives and approaches, with psychological research findings having important applications in areas such as health, education, business and commerce as well as a wide range of societal issues. The Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) at the University of Melbourne has been designed to build on the knowledge and skills attained in the APAC accredited Graduate Diploma in Psychology. The course provides students with flexibility and choice in advanced coursework in the core discipline areas of Psychology, as well as an opportunity to undertake advanced training in the conduct of a significant research project, and to develop pre-professional knowledge of the ethical principles and assessment and interviewing skills that underpin further professional training as a psychologist. It is also the recommended pathway for students wishing to undertake a higher research degree in Psychology to pursue a career in psychological research.</p>
<p>are we not allowed to do Grad dip in Psychology if we major in psychology</p>	<p>the Graduate Diploma in psychology is for those who have already have an undergraduate degree but did not major in psychology.</p>
<p>What are the requirements for Honours?</p>	<p>For external Please visit <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav</a></p>
<p>What to expect in each of the courses, start dates</p>	<p>Please visit the web study pages of your course of interest to find informaton regarding the course and key dates. You can also submit an enquiry via the study page if you have questions.</p>
<p>What kind of WAM is generally accepted into these courses? As in, not just the minimal requirements but roughly what average WAM is needed to get in? Thank you.</p>	<p>Please refer to the study pages:  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours/bachelor-of-arts-degree-with-honours/">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours/bachelor-of-arts-degree-with-honours/</a>  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours/bachelor-of-science-degree-with-honours/">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours/bachelor-of-science-degree-with-honours/</a>  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours/bachelor-of-biomedicine-degree-with-honours/">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours/bachelor-of-biomedicine-degree-with-honours/</a>  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav</a></p>
<p>What are the study options for Psychology honours year in terms of flexibility - juggling work and study.</p>	<p>Please apply for your preferred study mode only. Successful applicants who apply for both a full-time and part-time place will <b>only</b> be considered for a full-time place. Any requests to change to part-time once you have accepted a full-time offer are <b>subject to approval</b> and will only be considered on the</p>

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	<p>basis of documented extenuating circumstances. Psychology Honours part time students must complete the entire coursework component in the first year and the research project in the second year.</p>
<p>Melb uni part time honours - does this reduce your chance if you apply for part time</p>	<p>Applying for part time does not reduce your chances for entry into the honours program.</p>
<p>The structure of completing the Master of Professional Psychology part-time. Also, the pros and cons of completing the Master of Professional Psychology vs. honours.</p>	<p>Please see the part time course structure sample plan on the overview tab  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/structure/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/structure/#nav</a> Completing Honours would open up more study pathways if you wish to study clinical psychology or research for example. Please see the flowchart for your reference. file:///C:/Users/vojev/Downloads/RFQ09201-MDHS-PosterUpdate-1%201.pdf</p>
<p>An overview of the Graduate Diploma in Psychology</p>	<p>Please visit  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/#nav</a></p>
<p>All the pathways to become an accredited psychologist through UniMelb, what if you don't qualify for honours or masters?</p>	<p>Master of Professional Psychology or a Research pathway are options you may consider that don't require honours or a successfully completed undergraduate may suffice. Or Master of Applied Positive Psychology from Faculty of Education may be a option. <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-applied-positive-psychology/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-applied-positive-psychology/#nav</a>  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav</a></p>
<p>What are the elective options available?</p>	<p>Please visit <a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/courses/gda-psych/course-structure">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/courses/gda-psych/course-structure</a></p>
<p>The career pathways for Masters of Applied Psychology, and industry landscape for non-clinical applications of psychology</p>	<p>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 exciting opportunities for MAP graduates span numerous industries – from advertising to government policy. While not a pathway to traditional registration as a psychologist, the MAP provides you with a wide range of career possibilities. 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, and consumer decision-making.</p>
<p>What should I prepare to get in</p>	<p>I advise you to check the study page of the course of your interest for the entry requirements. Please note most courses are highly competitive with limited admissions per year, and to view the cut off mark as a guide to be considered as offeres are sent</p>

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<p>Main differences between becoming a Generalist Psychologist from Master of Professional Psychology vs. Clinical Psychology. Mainly, are you able to continue to become a Clinical Psychologist following Generalist registration from completing M.A Professional Psychology?</p>	<p>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 generalist psychologist, you will be ready to apply your skills in assessment and treatment with a wide range of clients with mild to moderate mental health conditions. Graduates of the Master of Professional Psychology will need to pursue further study and experience to become clinical psychologists. In contrast, Clinical Psychologists typically work with clients with more severe and complex mental health conditions, with training provided through the University of Melbourne's Clinical Master of Psychology programs.</p>
<p>I would like to know more about the selection criteria for the Grad Dip of Psych. How many people are rejected each year?</p>	<p>Please note selection is based of the strongest applicants and approximately 100 admissions are available year to year.</p>
<p>Can you give some examples of Honours research projects that may be available to students next year? Are the projects equally distributed between the various areas of psychological science (i.e. cognitive, developmental, social, etc.)?</p>	<p>Research topics won't be available in advance of applying. It's not typically evenly distributed but subject to change year to year. Students rank 9 choices and are distributed across areas. Choices aren't typically capped but students are encouraged to be broad because clinical projects are very popular and often fill up quickly.</p>
<p>Details on transferring with an undergrad degree in psychology from another uni</p>	<p>Applications are submitted via the study page. Please note the entry requirements and to include an official transcript for all 2nd and 3rd year Psychology subjects completed within your key undergraduate degree by the deadlines provided on the course website. Once offered, students can apply for advanced standing if eligible for credit of similar subjects. Please see the link of credit eligibility. <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/advanced-standing/apply-for-advanced-standing">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/advanced-standing/apply-for-advanced-standing</a></p>
<p>What can you do with a 4th year psych degree if you decide not to pursue grad school? What other non-psych masters programs are open to accepting psych students?</p>	<p>After you have completed your honours, I advise you to visit a Course Planner at Stop 1 to discuss study pathways you would be eligible for outside of Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences. <a href="https://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-support/advice-and-help/stop-1/categories/course-planning">https://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-support/advice-and-help/stop-1/categories/course-planning</a>.</p>

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<p>What is the difference between honours and advanced grad dip?</p>	<p>If you completed Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Biomedicine at The University of Melbourne, you would apply for the consecutive Honours year as the fourth year after your undergraduate degree. Outside of these 3 courses, if you completed an undergraduate degree with the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) major in Psychology, you would apply for the Grad Dip Advanced. Different names present various cohorts.</p>
<p>What is the pathway to become a clinical psychologist? What alternatives are there besides honours? Is doing a Master of Applied/Professional Psychology an option to become a clinical psychologist later on?</p>	<p>Students will usually complete an Honours year and then proceed to the Master of Psychology, specialising in either Clinical Psychology or Clinical Neuropsychology. The Master of Applied Psychology does not lead to accreditation as a psychologist. Successful completion of the Master of Professional Psychology will make you eligible for entry to a one-year internship and to sit the National Psychology Exam and then apply for registration as a Generalist Psychologist. However, further study and experience would still be required to pursue endorsement as a Clinical Psychologist.</p>
<p>What does the Masters of Clinical Psychology program look like? Is there enough time to work and pay rent? Is it true you have to pay a supervisor for two years?</p>	<p>This program aims to provide graduates with the theoretical skills and knowledge to work as professional clinical psychologists as well as a thorough grounding in the discipline of clinical psychology, particularly in the area of serious mental illness. The program aims, also, to provide students with a working knowledge of the medical, mental health and relevant systems and settings where clinical psychologists are employed. A further aim is to provide students with advanced skills in research and evaluation, alongside of excellent clinical skills so that graduates of the clinical psychology program are well prepared to go on to be leaders in the professional clinical psychology community. They should also be expected to generate and apply research knowledge in ongoing enhancement and evaluation of their professional work. This course consists of coursework, placement and a minor research thesis (6,000 to 10,000 words).</p>
<p>options available (or not available) to international students</p>	<p>Regarding fees, please refer to the fees page on the course web page for the most up to date information. The course is 2 years (full time). Coursework consists of 14 classroom-based subjects taken over the two years of the course (see below) and 125 days of Placement (30 days in the first-year and 95 days in the second-year).</p>
<p>How competitive it is to get into the Honours Degree?</p>	<p>The honours program in Psychology is highly competitive with only about 100 admissions per year.</p>

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<p>Processes to get into honours program, pathways for criminal psychology, possible exchange programs</p>	<p>Application process for honours will be covered in the postgraduate information session. The Pathway to become a forensic psychologist would require further study outside of University of Melbourne beyond Honours, as this will require area of practice endorsement (please see the AHPRA website for further information). By participating in an exchange program you can study at a partner institution while continuing to pay your fees to the University of Melbourne through your current arrangement. Exchange options will vary depending on the studies you pursue. We recommend you chat to our Global Learning team for further information: <a href="https://forms.your.unimelb.edu.au/4747166?SID=a3x2e000000FyA">https://forms.your.unimelb.edu.au/4747166?SID=a3x2e000000FyA</a></p>
<p>How to apply to the clinical psychology programme, with a New Zealand qualification (ie finish exams in Nov 2024 and then understand the qualifications need to be assessed by APC). Have other students managed to meet the application timelines?</p>	<p>Applications for the 2025 intake for the clinical programs will close on September 15th. APS assessment will also be due on this date. You can confirm the dates and application process on the course <a href="#">web page</a>.</p>
<p>Application and APC assessment process for NZ students applying for Bachelor of Arts with Honours.</p>	<p>External applicants outside of Australia will require an APS assessment letter. <a href="https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications/aps-assessment-skilled-migration-university-entry">https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications/aps-assessment-skilled-migration-university-entry</a> Please note entry requirements into Honours Psychology and the submission dates for both APS letter and honours application via this page <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours-specialisation/psychology/entry-requirements/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/honours-specialisation/psychology/entry-requirements/#nav</a></p>
<p>Work experience in org psych count and honours in psychology at University of Melbourne count?</p>	<p>Depending the course of your interest, please note the entry requirements per course and share specific questions to the undergraduate information session.</p>
<p>what are some example topics we can focus on as part of our honours research? what sort of experience would you say is the most helpful for preparing us for working in psychology?</p>	<p>Topics will be derived from areas of psychology, including Psychological Theory and Methods, Behaviour Change, Biological, Social and Personality, Cognitive and Clinical and Development. I'd advise to share your questions in relation to experience in preparation for working in psychology.</p>

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<p>The pathways to becoming a forensic psychologist?</p>	<p>Unfortunately , MSPS doesn't offer a course in Forensic Psychology. Please see the AHPRA website for information on pursuing endorsement as a forensic psychologist:  <a href="https://psychology.org.au/psychology/careers-and-studying-psychology/studying-psychology/area-of-practice-endorsement-pathway">https://psychology.org.au/psychology/careers-and-studying-psychology/studying-psychology/area-of-practice-endorsement-pathway</a></p>
<p>Requirements for a student from another university applying for the Honours program majoring in Psychology.</p>	<p>Plaese visit  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav</a></p>
<p>What is the process/entry requirements for external students wishing to complete postgrad at Unimelb? Do you offer anything similar to a masters in Organisational Psychology?</p>	<p>I would recommend looking at the Master of Applied Psychology. The Master of Applied Psychology (MAP) is designed for psychology graduates who want to develop practical skills in the applications of psychology and to employ them in the world of business; government; the non-profit sector; marketing, consumer and social research; and health. Please note that each course has its own entry requirements, so please check the course web page information for the individual course. This course is not the same as a Master of Organisational Psychology although it has similar elements. Applicants who previously studied Psychology overseas will need to apply APS assessment of their qualification(s).</p>
<p>Differences between advanced graduate diploma in Psychology and Psychology honours</p>	<p>The course Graduate Diploma in Psychology is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and provides the required foundational sequence of subjects for students seeking to undertake further study in psychology to pursue a career as a registered psychologist or as a researcher. Psychology honours has been designed to build on the knowledge and skills attained in the APAC accredited Graduate Diploma in Psychology. The Psychology Honours program provides students with flexibility and choice in advanced coursework in the core discipline areas of Psychology, as well as an opportunity to undertake advanced training in the conduct of a significant research project, and to develop pre-professional knowledge of the ethical principles and assessment and interviewing skills that underpin further professional training as a psychologist. It is also the recommended pathway for students wishing to undertake a higher research degree in Psychology to pursue a career in psychological research.</p>
<p>What is the difference between Psychology Graduate Diploma (Advanced) and Honours? What should I do to prepare for it? Do you require a letter of recommendation? And what is the selection process like?</p>	<p>Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) is also a 4th year of study like the Honours program. he Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) is identical in content and assessment to the Psychology Honours program (via the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine). However, the two programs differ in their award completion requirements. Honours students require a minimum overall mark of 65% to be awarded the degree, whereas Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) students require a minimum overall mark of 50% to be awarded the degree. Please visit the study page to ensure you meet the minimum entry requirements to be considered. Selection will be based of the strongest applicants in the pool each year.  <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav</a></p>

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is it important to have psychology-related work/volunteer experience before commencing master's study?	Please note the study pages of the course of your interest and to view the entry requirements. In most cases, having relevant work experience can support your application.
Does the Masters of Professional Psychology lead to general registration via the 5 + 1 pathway?	Yes, the Masters of Professional Psychology follows the 5 + 1 pathway and successful completion of this pathway can lead to full registration as a General Psychologist.
How many students are accepted into honours, as well as what sort of grade would make you highly competitive given recent cutoffs (which I understand cannot be released specifically)	There are about 100 admissions in the honours program and offers are sent out to the strongest applicants into the pool each year. There is no specific cut off mark due to the varying strength of applicants each year. Please note the minimum entry requirement WAM on the study page as a guideline and achieving a WAM above the minimum is recommended to increase the chances in selection.
fees and scholarships	I advise you to visit the study web page of the course of your interest and view the fees and scholarships available. Please note some courses do not have direct scholarships and CSP places are limited and available only to domestic students.
Admission requirements and entry cut-off	I advise you to check the study page of the course of your interest for the entry requirements. Please note most courses are highly competitive with limited admissions per year. Please view the cut off mark advertised on the page as a guide as offers are sent out to the strongest applicants in the pool each intake.
What do we need to know about our honours year before applying?	Please visit the overview of the program via <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/#nav">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/#nav</a>
applying for honours at Melbourne from a different institution- course codes etc.	The course code of the honours psychology program is GDA-PSYCH for external applicants and students who did not complete Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Biomedicine at The University of Melbourne
Honours project themes	Research projects have covered areas in social and personality, cognitive, clinical and development, biological psychology and behaviour change
What kind of study areas might there be for psychology honours	Please visit the handbook page of the program via <a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/courses/gda-psych/course-structure">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/courses/gda-psych/course-structure</a>

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