

The Degree of Bachelor of Psychological Science (BPsycSc – 360 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2024.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2024.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Bachelor of Psychological Science a student must be credited with a minimum of 360 points towards the qualification including:

- (a) a minimum of 195 points from Schedule C to these regulations;
- (b) a minimum of 90 points at 300-level;
- (c) at least one minor from Schedule S Group 1 to these regulations;
- (d) at least 60 points from either:
 - i. a second minor from Schedule S Group 1 or Group 2; or
 - ii. courses from Schedule E to these regulations
- (e) Any remaining points at 100-level may come from any undergraduate degree in the University.

4. Admission to the qualification

All students must satisfy the Admission Regulations for the University to be admitted to this qualification.

5. Subjects

The subjects for the degree are listed in Schedule S to these Regulations.

- (a) a student must meet the requirements for each minor.
- (b) all minors must be in separate subject areas listed in Schedule S.
- (c) any given course must contribute to only one minor.
- (d) a course fulfilling the Schedule C requirement cannot also contribute to the requirements for a minor.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 10 years.

7. Transfers of Credit, Substitutions and Cross-Credits

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for progression and direct entry with no additional stipulations.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification is not awarded with Honours, Distinction or Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.
- (b) A student for the BPsycSc who has not met the requirements for the degree but who has satisfied all requirements for the Certificate in Science may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate to withdraw from the degree and be awarded the Certificate.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Psychological Science

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

The following outlines the Core requirements:

100-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/PP/EQ
PSYC105	Introductory Psychology - Brain, Behaviour and Cognition	15	SU2	Distance Learning	R: PSYC103, PSYC104
			S1	Campus	
			S1	Distance Learning	
PSYC106	Introductory Psychology - Social, Personality and Developmental	15	SU1	Distance Learning	R: PSYC103, PSYC104
			S2	Campus	
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC107	Foundations of Psychological Science	15	SU1	Distance Learning	
			S2	Campus	
			S2	Distance Learning	
SPSC114	The Art and Science of Human Communication	15	SU2	Distance Learning	
			S1	Campus	
			S1	Distance Learning	

And 15 points selected from:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/PP/EQ
HLTH106	Te Wero - Māori Health Issues and Opportunities	15	S1	Campus	
			S1	Distance Learning	
MAOR108	Te Patu a Maui: The Treaty of Waitangi - facing and overcoming colonisation	15	SU2	Distance Learning	R: CULT114, MAOR113 (prior to 2006) EQ: CULT114
			X1	UC Online	
			S2	Campus	
			S2	Distance Learning	
			X3	UC Online	
TREC110	Te Ngao Tū: Conversational Māori for Absolute Beginners	15	SU2	Distance Learning	R: MAOR105, MAOR110, MAOR111, MAOR112, MAOR115, MAOR124, MAOR125
			SU2	Campus	
			S1	Campus	
			S2	Campus	

200-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC206	Introductory Research Methods and Statistics	15	SU2	Distance Learning	P: At least 15 points in 100-level Psychology and at least 45 points overall
			S1	Campus	
			S1	Distance Learning	
PSYC207	Developmental Psychology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106
			S1	Distance Learning	
PSYC208	Cognition	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106, or with the approval of the Head of School, a pass in a professional year of Engineering, or in approved courses in Computer Science, Linguistics, or Philosophy
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC213	Introduction to Social Psychology	15	SU2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106 R: PSYC332
			S2	Distance Learning	
			S2	Campus	
PSYC215	Introductory Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience	15	S2	Campus	P: P: PSYC105 and PSYC106 R: PSYC333 RP: PSYC107 or ARTS102
			S2	Distance Learning	

300-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC375	Intermediate Research Methods and Statistics	15	SU1	Distance Learning	P: PSYC206 R: PSYC344
			S2	Campus	
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC377	Psychology in Action - Bridging Theory and Practice	15	S1	Distance Learning	P: 60 points at 200-level from Schedule C to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Psychological Science.
			S1	Campus	
PSYC379	Introduction to Psychopathology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 R: PSYC335
			S1	Distance Learning	

Schedule S: Minors for the Degree of Bachelor of Psychological Science

The following information outlines the requirement for the individual minors. These requirements are in addition to Schedule C: Compulsory Courses:

Group 1

Forensic Psychology

200-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC216	Psychology and Law	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106
			S2	Distance Learning	
SOCI222	Whakataka Nga Here: Colonisation and the Criminal Justice System	15	S2	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level in SOCI, ANTH, CRJU, or LAWS, or Any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA. R: CRJU222

300-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC330	Forensic Psychology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 or 60 points at 200-level from Schedules C or E of the BCJ.
			S1	Distance Learning	
PSYC376	Working with People - Introduction to Professional Skills in Psychology	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: 60 points at 200-level from Schedule C to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Psychological Science.
			S2	Campus	

For students double minoring where PSYC376 is in both minors, will substitute PSYC376 with:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC384	Learning and Behaviour Analysis	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC206 EQ: PSYC349

Māori and Indigenous Perspectives

200-level

15 points from:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
MAOR212	Māori and Indigenous Development	15	S1	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from HIST, MAOR, SOWK, or TREC, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA. R: HIST262, HIST379 EQ: HIST262
MAOR214	Te Ao Marama: Māori Thought	15	SU1	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from HIST, MAOR, or TREC, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA. R: HIST259 EQ: HIST259
			SU1	Distance Learning	
MAOR270	Te Ao Hauora Tangata: Māori Health Perspectives	15	S2	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from HLTH, MAOR, or TREC, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA. RP: MAOR 108 and/or HLTH 106

PACS211	The Contemporary and Transnational Pacific	15	S1	Campus	P: Any 45 points at 100-level
			S1	Distance Learning	
PACS221	Pacific Sustainability and Climate Resilience	15	S2	Campus	P: Any 45 points at 100-level
			S2	Distance Learning	

300-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
MAOR373	Whakaaro Wairua: Māori Spiritual Beliefs and Philosophies	30	S1	Campus	P: Any 30 points at 200-level from MAOR or TREO, or any 60 points at 200-level from the Schedule V of the BA. R: MAOR417
PSYC376	Working with People - Introduction to Professional Skills in Psychology	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: 60 points at 200-level from Schedule C to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Psychological Science.
			S2	Campus	

Neuroscience and Cognition

Any 60 points from:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
BIOL355	Neurons, Hormones and Behaviour	15	S1	Campus	P: BIOL250 RP: BIOL272
PSYC209	Sensation and Perception	15	S1	Distance Learning	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106, or with the approval of the Head of School, a pass in a professional year of Engineering, or in approved courses in Art, Art History, or Computer Science
PSYC221	Psychology of Language	15	S1	Campus	P: LING101, PSYC105, or PSYC107 R: LING221 EQ: LING221
PSYC340	Cognitive Psychology	15	NO		P: PSYC208
PSYC373	Neuroscience and Neurological Disorders	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC105, PSYC206 and PSYC215 R: PSYC333
PSYC381	Applied Neuroscience: Brain Imaging	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC206 and PSYC215 RP: PSYC373
			S2	Campus	
PSYC382	Culture and Cognition	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC206
			S2	Distance Learning	

Psychological Wellbeing**200-level**

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC214	The Science and Practice of Wellbeing	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106; or 60 points at 100-level from any subject.
			S1	Distance Learning	

300-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC374	Health Psychology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 R: PSYC339
PSYC376	Working with People - Introduction to Professional Skills in Psychology	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: 60 points at 200-level from Schedule C to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Psychological Science.
			S2	Campus	
PSYC380	Risk and Resilience in Human Development	15	S1	Distance Learning	P: P: PSYC206 R: PSYC335 RP: PSYC207
			S1	Campus	

For students double minoring where PSYC376 is in both minors, will substitute PSYC376 with:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC384	Learning and Behaviour Analysis	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC206 EQ: PSYC349

Psychology for Common Good**200-level**

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC211	Personality	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106
			S2	Campus	

300-level

And 45 points selected from:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC341	Environmental Psychology	15	SU2	Distance Learning	P: Any 120 points at 100-level from any subject. RP: PSYC105/PSYC106 or ENVR101
			S2	Campus	
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC374	Health Psychology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 R: PSYC339
PSYC378	Psychology of Social Media	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC213
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC382	Culture and Cognition	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC206
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC385	Human Factors: The Forces that Shape Behaviour with Products, Technology, and Systems	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 or 60 points at 200-level from any approved subject. RP: PSYC213/PSYC209 or PSYC208

Workplace Psychology

300-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC336	Industrial and Organisational Psychology	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC206. RP: PSYC211, 15 further points from PSYC200
			S2	Distance Learning	

And 45 points selected from:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
BSNS201	Business and Culture	15	S1	Campus	P: Any 60 points. RP: ACCT102, ECON104, MGMT100
			S2	Campus	
PSYC211	Personality	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106
			S2	Campus	
PSYC376	Working with People - Introduction to Professional Skills in Psychology	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: 60 points at 200-level from Schedule C to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Psychological Science.
			S2	Campus	
PSYC385	Human Factors: The Forces that Shape Behaviour with Products, Technology, and Systems	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 or 60 points at 200-level from any approved subject. RP: PSYC213/PSYC209 or PSYC208

Group 2

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
Nutrition	Health

Minors	Faculty
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

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Psychological Science

Elective courses may be chosen from any of the minor subjects listed in Schedule S Group 2. Further, any electives with the following course codes may be chosen:

BIOL, CHEM, COMS, COSC, ENCE, ECON, EDUC, ENVR, GEOG, HLED, HLTH, HSRV, LAWS, LING, MAOR, MGMT, MKTG, PACE, PACS, PHIL, PSYC, SENG, SOCI, SPCO, SPRT, STAT, TREO.