

Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science (GradDipPscSc – 120 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 qualification 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 Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification; including
- (b) 30 points from Schedule C to these regulations; and
- (c) A further 45 points at 300-level from Schedule V to these regulations
- (d) Remaining points may be at any level from Schedule V to these regulations

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Graduate Diploma in Science, a student must have:

- (a) Either:
 - i. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand degree, or
 - ii. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as entitled to enrol for the Diploma, and
- (b) been approved as a student by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate.

5. Subject

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

The qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with a time limits of 60 months.

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 the University, with no additional stipulations.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

Honours, Distinction and Merit are not awarded for this qualification.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the GradDipPscSc but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Matua | Executive Dean of Science or delegate to be admitted to the Bachelor of Psychological Science or Bachelor of Science and have credits transferred.
- (b) A student who has graduated with the GradDipPscSc from the University of Canterbury, may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate to be admitted to the Bachelor of Psychological Science or Bachelor of Science and have their GradDipPscSc subsumed in accordance with the General Regulations to the University.
- (c) A student of the GradDipPscSc who has not met the requirements for the qualification 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 Diploma and be awarded the Certificate.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science

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

The following outlines the Core requirements:

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	
PSYC379	Introduction to Psychopathology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 R: PSYC335
			S1	Distance Learning	

Schedule V: Valid Courses for the Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science

100-level

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/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	

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	
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
PSYC211	Personality	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106
			S2	Campus	
PSYC213	Introduction to Social Psychology	15	SU2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106 R: PSYC332
			S2	Distance Learning	
			S2	Campus	
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	
PSYC215	Introductory Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience	15	S2	Campus	P: P: PSYC105 and PSYC106 R: PSYC333 RP: PSYC107 or ARTS102
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC216	Psychology and Law	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC105 and PSYC106
			S2	Distance Learning	

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	
PSYC336	Industrial and Organisational Psychology	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC206. RP: PSYC211, 15 further points from PSYC200
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC340	Cognitive Psychology	15	NO		P: PSYC208
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	
PSYC373	Neuroscience and Neurological Disorders	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC105, PSYC206 and PSYC215 R: PSYC333
PSYC374	Health Psychology	15	S1	Campus	P: PSYC206 R: PSYC339
PSYC378	Psychology of Social Media	15	S2	Campus	P: PSYC213
			S2	Distance Learning	
PSYC380	Risk and Resilience in Human Development	15	S1	Distance Learning	P: P: PSYC206 R: PSYC335 RP: PSYC207
			S1	Campus	
PSYC381	Applied Neuroscience: Brain Imaging	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: PSYC206 and PSYC215 RP: PSYC373
			S2	Campus	