

Bachelor of Psychological Science (BPsycSc)



Unveiling the Human Mind: Explore the World of Psychological Sciences

Discover the diverse world of psychology through our brand-new Bachelor of Psychological Science. This new degree has been created for students whose main focus is studying psychology at the University of Canterbury.

Backed by the latest research, expert guidance, and hands-on experiences, this program propels you toward a future brimming with insight into the complexities of the human mind and behaviour.



What is Psychological Science?

Psychology is the scientific exploration of human cognition, behaviour, emotions, personality, developmental processes, motivation, and life experiences. This field encompasses a wealth of knowledge derived from research, which underpins its application in various professional contexts, utilising psychological expertise across diverse domains and environments.

What will I learn?

UC's BPsychSc offers a robust foundational psychology core that aligns with the standards of other international undergraduate psychology curricula; whilst being anchored in a New Zealand context. The degree allows students to learn about the breadth of disciplines in psychology so they can make a more informed choice about their future area of focus and be more knowledgeable in their future careers.



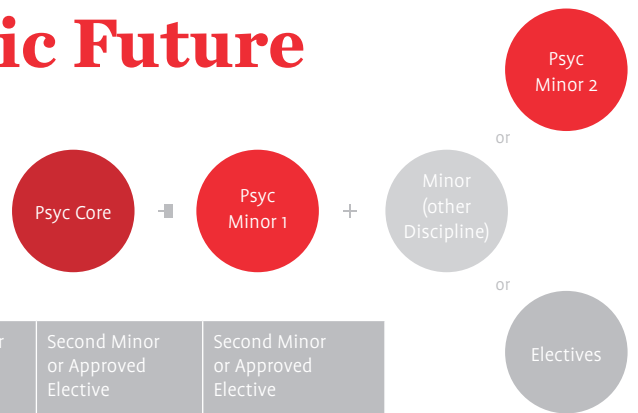
Study Psychological Science and you will:

- Participate in Work Integrated Learning activities that give you access to the skills, knowledge, and behaviours to enable successful transition to the workplace.
- Understand the influence of global conditions on your discipline and engage competently with global and multicultural contexts.
- Gain an understanding of global awareness and local roots, by supporting you to reflect on how your own context affects how you engage with the world.
- Understand the subjectivity of your own culture that contributes to developing inclusivity and open-mindedness.
- Develop an understanding of your own local context in a global world.
- Gain exposure to the latest research, derived locally and internationally.

Your Psychology-Centric Future

Degree plan

The Bachelor of Psychological Science is an undergraduate 360-point Level 7 degree. This degree is able to be completed in 3 years of full-time study with options for part-time study available.



PSYC 105	PSYC 106	PSYC 107	SPSC 114	MAOR108 or TREQ110 or HLTH106	Second Minor or Approved Elective	Second Minor or Approved Elective	Second Minor or Approved Elective
PSYC 206	PSYC 207	PSYC 208	PSYC 213	PSYC 215	PSYC Minor 1	PSYC Minor 1	Second Minor or Approved Elective
PSYC 375	PSYC 379	PSYC 377	PSYC Minor 1	PSYC Minor 1	PSYC Minor 1	Second Minor or Approved Elective	Second Minor or Approved Elective

Planning your degree

Within your degree you must select one of the following minors:

- Psychological Wellbeing
- Forensic Psychology
- Workplace Psychology
- Psychology for the Common Good
- Neuroscience and Cognition
- Māori and Indigenous Perspectives

Students can also take an additional minor from other selected subjects in the BSc, BA, BCom and BHSc.

What is the difference between this degree and a BA/BSc/BHSc?

The Bachelor of Psychological Science degree program is structured with a core focus on psychology, supplemented by a psychology minor, and offers students the flexibility to opt for either a second psychology minor, a minor from a related discipline, or a selection of electives from cognate disciplines.

Studying psychology through a BA/BSc/BHSc allows for a broader field of study.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) experiences merge theoretical learning with hands-on practice in a professional setting. While WIL is optional for all UC students, it's already integrated into the BPsycSc curriculum for a more concentrated learning experience.

Future study pathways

After graduating, you can choose to develop your skills and expertise further with countless postgraduate options.

Including the following:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care (PGCertPC)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PGDipClinPsyc)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Theory (PGDipCBT)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc)
- Master of Applied Data Science (MADS)
- Master of Audiology (MAud)
- Master in Child and Family Psychology
- Master of Counselling (MCouns)
- Master of Health Science (MHealSc)
- Master of Policy and Governance (MPAG)
- Master of Science (MSC)
- Master of Speech and Language (MSLP)

Where can it take me?

A multitude of opportunities await BPsycSc graduates across diverse sectors and institutions, due to shortages in the workforce.

Career pathways span across the public sector, healthcare services, universities, educational institutions, and a significant cohort of psychologists opt for private practice. Moreover, psychologists can find employment across diverse workplaces, with a substantial portion choosing to work independently as contractors or consultants.

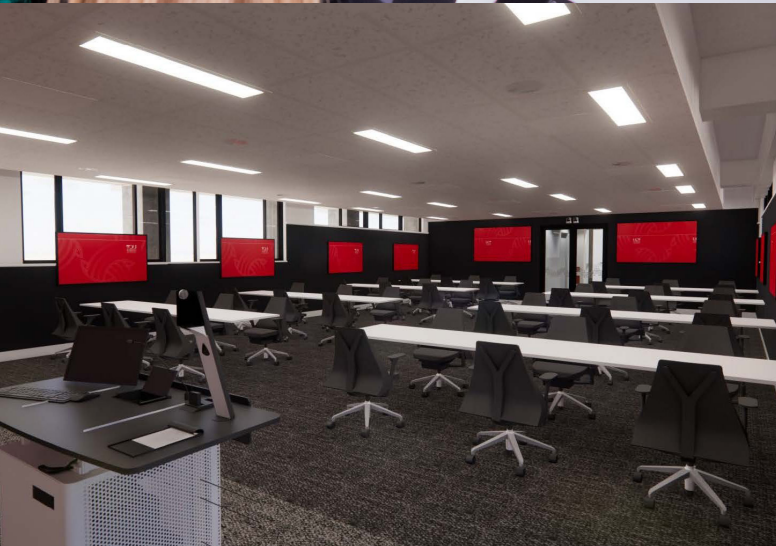
“I think Psychology is a profession which will allow me to continue to contribute positively to my community and give back.”

- Allie Coyle, Psychology Major



Scan QR to read more about Allie





Why study at UC?

Compact City and Campus

Our campus is in the heart of the beautiful, friendly and vibrant city of Ōtautahi Christchurch which sits within the takiwā, area, of Ngā Tūāhuriri - a hapū who hold mama whenua rights of occupation in the Ōtautahi city centre.

Learn from the best

UC is the top university in the country for the proportion of researchers that teach and we have many world-leading research centres, institutes and on-site clinics. So you will be taught by internationally recognised experts and more. At Psychology we have a range of recognised research groups, labs and clinics including:

- Canterbury Child Development Research Group
- Earthquake/Disaster related research
- Mental Health and Nutrition Research Lab
- New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain and Behaviour
- Speech-Language Neuroscience Lab
- The Psychology Centre

Purpose-built facilities

UC's laboratories, research centres, and field stations are internationally renowned. Added to this is a brand new regional research centre, that embraces the Ngāi Tahu cultural narrative of Whatukura in its design, and ensures students are at the forefront of contemporary science. Learning and research spaces in the centre have state-of-the-art equipment, high-tech computing systems and technology.

Opening Soon

A newly refurbished home for Psychology at UC. The Building will be named Ann Ballin after alumni - Dame Ann Ballin, who died in 2003. She was a life-long advocate for people with disabilities and for victims' rights. She was also a UC graduate of Psychology and a student counsellor at UC from 1974 to 1986.

Thinking about a career in Psychological Science?

Whakapā mai, get in touch today and find out how you can take the first step. Learn about degree options, campus life, how to enrol, and more. Karawhiua!

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