

# Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and Bachelor of Psychological Science Schedule

TRIM: D14/218164 Note: From Semester 1 2018, the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and its exit award: Bachelor of Psychological Science will be discontinued (no new intake). For students admitted to the Bachelor of Psychological Science in 2018 and beyond refer to the [Bachelor \(240\) Awards and Programs Schedule](#). For students admitted to the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) in 2018 and beyond, refer to the [Bachelor Honours \(80\) Awards and Programs Schedule](#)

Schedule to the [Awards and Graduation Policy](#).

## Section 1 - Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

### Qualification for the Award

(1) To qualify for the Award of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study, comprising of a total of 320 units of compulsory and elective courses at the 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels as approved by the Program and Course Approval Committee.

(2) The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) program is a four year program, however, only students deemed eligible under Clause 7 will be permitted to enrol in the final year of the program.

(3) Students undertaking the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) who have satisfied the requirements for the exit award of the Bachelor of Psychological Science may be permitted to exit to and qualify with the Bachelor of Psychological Science.

### Grading of the Award

(4) The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) will be graded with the class of honours determined in accordance with clauses 8 to 12 End-On Honours of the [Bachelor Honours Policy](#) and based on the student's performance in the final (fourth) year of the program.

(5) A student who successfully completes the final (fourth) year will be awarded graded honours based on their performance in all 4000 level courses. There shall be two three classes of graded honours, namely Class I, and Class II and Class III. Class I shall have one division: First Class Honours. Class II shall have two divisions: Class II Division I, Class II Division II. Class III shall have one division: Class III.

### Eligibility for Entry to the Final (Fourth) Year

(6) Admission to the final year of the program is determined solely by academic merit and is competitive.

(7) To be eligible for entry into the final year of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), students must achieve the following minimum requirements:

- a. Have successfully completed the 240 units of compulsory and elective courses at the 1000, 2000, and 3000 level as approved by the Program and Course Approval Committee; and
- b. Have attained a minimum GPA of 5.0 over all 2000 and 3000 level PSYC coded courses and STAT2000. The GPA

will be calculated as per the [Grade Point Average \(GPA\) Calculation Guideline](#).

(8) In the event that the number of applications for admission to the final year of the Bachelor of Psychology exceeds the number of available places, the College Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Psychology, will determine which students will be permitted to enrol.

(9) Students who achieve a calculated GPA of less than 5.0 do not meet the minimum requirement for admission to the final year of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and will not proceed to the final (fourth) year. Students unable to proceed to the final (fourth) year in such instances will be eligible to exit and graduate with a Bachelor of Psychological Science, provided they have qualified for admission to this award (refer to Clauses 10 to 12), unless the Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Psychology, determines otherwise. The GPA will be calculated as per the [Grade Point Average \(GPA\) Calculation Guideline](#).

## **Section 2 - The Bachelor of Psychological Science**

### **Qualification for the Award**

(10) The Bachelor of Psychological is an exit award for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) who do not proceed to the final year of the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours).

(11) To qualify for the exit award of the Bachelor of Psychological Science, a student will satisfactorily complete a program of study while enrolled in the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) degree program, comprising of 240 units of compulsory and elective courses at the 1000, 2000 and 3000 levels as approved by the Program and Course Approval Committee.

(12) Students awarded the Bachelor of Psychological Science will not be permitted to then re-enrol in the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours).

### **Grading of the Award**

(13) The grading of the award of the Bachelor of Psychological Science will be as listed in the [Awarding with Distinction Guideline](#).

## **Section 3 - Right of Appeal**

(14) Students may appeal any determination made under Clauses 6 to 9 to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Vice President within 10 working days of being advised of the outcome of their application.

## Status and Details

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## Glossary Terms and Definitions

**"Elective"** - Any non compulsory course which may be undertaken within a program of study.

**"Working day"** - Any day other than Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday in Newcastle, on which business may be conducted.

**"Award"** - When referring to a University qualification, this term means an academic qualification approved by Academic Senate that is conferred when a student has met the relevant program requirements. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Course"** - When referring to a course offered by the University, a course is a set of learning activities or learning opportunities with defined, assessed and recorded learning outcomes. A course will be identified by an alphanumeric course code and course title. Course types include core courses, compulsory courses, directed courses, capstone courses and electives. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Student"** - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

**"Discontinued"** - A program for which no new intakes are to be accepted.

**"Exit award"** - An academic qualification that is conferred when a student has met the program requirements of a linked program within the same field of study as listed in the relevant awards and programs schedule.

**"GPA"** - The Grade Point Average calculated over a set of courses or specified number of courses at a particular level as per the Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation Guideline.

**"Program"** - When referring to learning, a program is a sequence of approved learning, usually leading to an Award. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"College"** - An organisational unit established within the University by the Council.