

Tohu Paerunga Mātai Hinengaro Postgraduate Psychology



You'll love studying Psychology if you want a greater understanding of how people (and sometimes animals) think, feel and behave. Psychologists create theories based on data, analysing simple behaviour – from that observed in animals to the more complex verbal and emotional responses of people.

As a Psychology student, you could study research areas such as applied behaviour analysis, cognitive and language development, gender and sexuality, developmental psychology, Māori and Pacific psychology, and social psychology.

Courses available in this subject include:

- > Behavioural Psychology
- > Cognitive Science
- > Critical Psychology
- > Developmental and Educational Psychology
- > Evolution and Behaviour
- > Neuroscience
- > Māori, Pacific, and Indigenous Psychologies
- > Social Psychology
- > Speech Science

Choosing your research area for supervision

BSc Honours: A high interest in psychology can make finding a supervisor difficult. To help ease this process, choose an area you're passionate about and we will pair you with someone in that same area.

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Choosing your supervisor

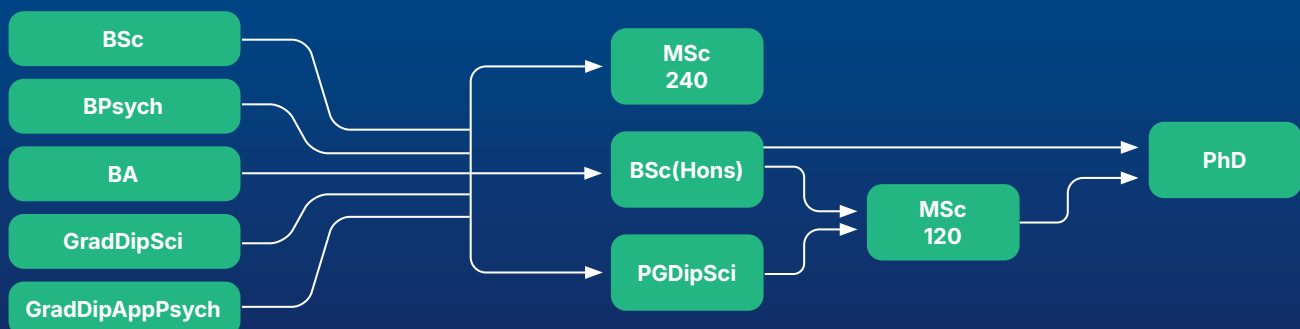
Supervisors can usually only take a small number of students, so make sure you talk to them sooner rather than later.

Choose an area you feel passionate about. Undertaking research involves successes as well as challenges, so choosing a topic you are genuinely interested in will help you overcome challenges and get through the tough times. Ensure you're compatible with your supervisor. Ask questions, seek advice and share your ideas with academic staff to find out their research interests, and whether you would be a good fit with their current projects.

Scholarships

You can apply for a range of scholarships when you apply for postgraduate study in Science.

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Career opportunities

Psychology is a versatile subject that can take you into many different career paths.

You could work in the fields of mental health, research, industry and marketing, education or counselling.

Alternatively, you can work within a business environment that uses psychological tests, statistical analyses, or survey and questionnaire development.

Furthermore, staff recruitment, human resources, personnel training and evaluation are areas in which a lot of psychology graduates are employed. Research careers can be developed in neural function and cognitive science. Many avenues open up to graduates with training in psychology.

Our graduates have been employed in the following jobs:

- › Client executive, Colmar Brunton
- › Postdoctoral researcher, Ghent University
- › Case manager, Accident Compensation Corporation
- › Training and development manager, Mainfreight Transport Ltd
- › Residential youth worker, BLENNZ Homai Campus

This subject is available in:

- › Bachelor of Science (Honours)
- › Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology
- › Postgraduate Diploma in Science
- › Master of Science
- › Doctor of Clinical Psychology
- › Doctor of Philosophy
- › Master of Organisational Psychology
- › Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice
- › Master of Health Psychology
- › PGDipScience in Behaviour Analysis
- › Master of Behaviour Analysis

You may also be interested in our programmes in Biological Sciences, Statistics, Physiology and Physics.



Find out more about how your degree will be structured and what courses you need to take at

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"What I love about postgraduate study is that you have the autonomy to craft your programme to suit the topics that you find the most exciting and meaningful."

Katie Ann Smith
PhD Student in Psychology.

Kuhua ki tō mātou hāpori, ā, Kimihia tōu Pūtaiao.
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