

# Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours) Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) Final Year

APPLICATION GUIDE 2025

**APPLICATION DATES**

**11 September 2024 – 31 October 2024**

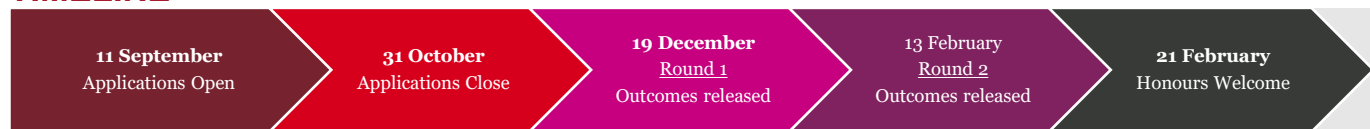


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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## TIMELINE



## PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE GUIDE CAREFULLY

The following information is provided as general guidance to applicants and students intending on progressing to an APAC accredited Honours year.

An Honours year in Psychology is intended for high-achieving students aiming for a career in research or a specialist field such as clinical neuropsychology, clinical psychology, organisational psychology or professional psychology. Your studies will include a focus on professional ethics, evidenced-based practices, advanced topics in contemporary issues in psychology and professional practice, further training in the analysis of data and research methodologies, and you will conduct a substantive piece of research. Through these studies, you'll advance your scientific understanding of human behaviour and psychological research that will set you on the pathway to general registration or higher degree research.

## HOW MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY WILL CONTACT YOU

Email will be the primary means of contact between Macquarie University (MQ) and applicants.

Those applying for the *Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours)* will be contacted via the email provided in the application form.

It is essential that you provide a current email address which will be valid from April 2024 to March 2025 and that you regularly check your emails.

Those applying for the final year of the *Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)* will be contacted via their MQ student email address.

Some email messages may be blocked or flagged as spam by some email providers. To avoid missing important information please check your junk mail folder, especially if you use a web-based email client such as Gmail or Hotmail.

Macquarie University will not be held responsible for undeliverable or unread email communication.

It is recommended to use the same email address for all components of the applications process.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

You should first ensure you have carefully read this guide and associated websites. If you still require assistance, contact the university via [Service Connect](#)

selecting 'future student' and using the same email address you are applying with.

## ADMISSION POLICIES

### Application

Pay close attention to ensure that you apply via the correct application depending on your current course.

### Offers

Successful applicants will be given a firm date by which to accept an offer of a place. Offers not accepted by that date will lapse.

***IF AN APPLICANT DECLINES AN OFFER OF A PLACE, OR ALLOWS THE OFFER TO LAPSE, THEN THEY WILL FORFEIT THEIR PLACE AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL GET AN OFFER SHOULD THEY APPLY IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.***

### Deferral

Deferral of a place is not available, and applicants must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following year.

### Exclusion

An applicant who has been excluded from any university must indicate this when they apply. Applicants whom this applies to may be contacted for further details.

***If you have been offered a place in another program and you intend to accept that place, then please be considerate of fellow applicants and withdraw your Macquarie application as soon as possible.***

### Admission and application irregularities

Applicants should be aware that the presentation of forged documents is a criminal offence in Australia and that universities may take appropriate action in such cases. All tertiary study must be declared in the application. Action taken in such cases may include cancellation of an application for admission, withdrawal of an offer of admission, or cancellation of an enrolment. Applicants who submit fraudulent documents or otherwise seek to gain an advantage by fraudulent means may be banned from future applications to Macquarie University.

Details on admission policies are provided in the entry requirements section of this guide.

# HONOURS DEGREE

There are currently two pathways into an Honours year in Psychology at Macquarie University. This course is suitable for students intending to progress to post graduate studies to become a registered psychologist or a PhD.

The ***Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours)*** is a stand-alone, one-year course. Further information is available on the [MQ website](#).

- Students enrolled in **double degrees** must complete both degrees or exit with the Bachelor of Psychology or equivalent Level 1 APAC accredited course to be eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours).
- Late applications will not be accepted. If you miss the closing date you can apply for the following year's intake.

The ***Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)*** includes an embedded honours year in the fourth year of the course. Continuing to the fourth year is not guaranteed and is competitive. More information is available in the *course notes* in the MQ Handbook for the year you commenced the degree ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#)).

- The above information also applies to students enrolled in **double degrees**. It is recommended to apply for the Honours year after completing all other requirements, however only the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) components with a minimum of 240 credit points must be completed to be eligible to apply for progression into the Honours year.
- Late applications will not be accepted. If you miss the closing date, depending on your circumstances you may need to apply to exit with a Bachelor of Psychology/Bachelor of Arts – Psychology (depending on your commencement year) or, if eligible, could take 12 months leave of absence. ***You must ensure that you apply on time the following year.***

## HONOURS WELCOME

The Honours year will begin with a **mandatory, in-person** Honours Welcome Orientation for all Honours students commencing that year. The welcome will cover the expectations for the Honours year, information about the timetable, streams in Advanced Topics in Psychology Honours units and the Thesis.

2025 in-person Honours Welcome – **Friday, 21 February 2025**

## THESIS TOPIC

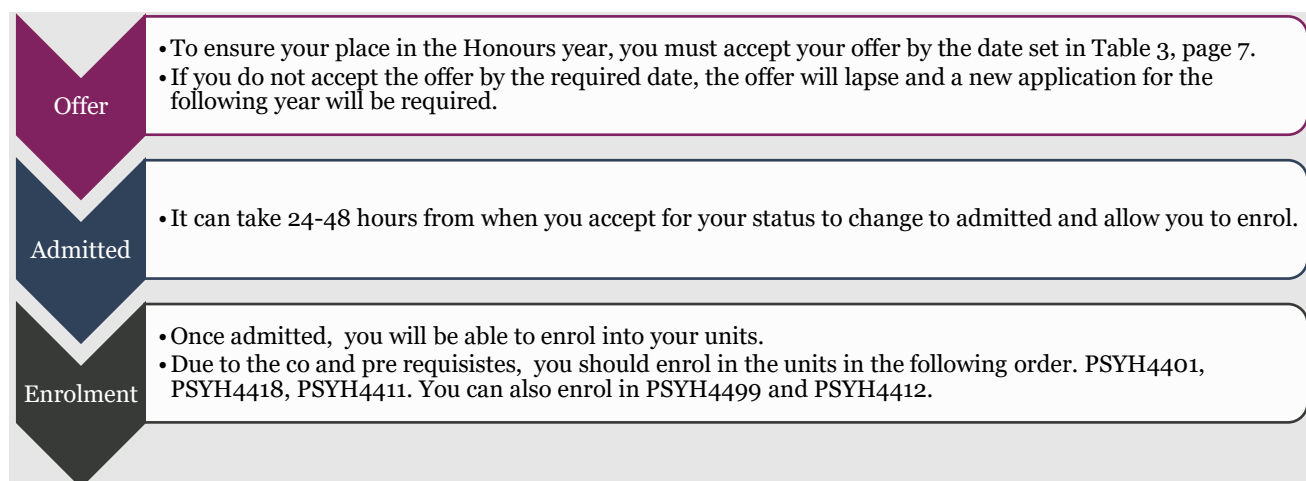
As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a question providing your preference of Thesis Research Topic Area. A link to the list will be provided in the application form.

Every effort is taken to accommodate student preference; however, this may not always be possible. Completing a thesis in an area of study less familiar to you will provide you with a well-rounded understanding of Psychology should you wish to pursue postgraduate study.

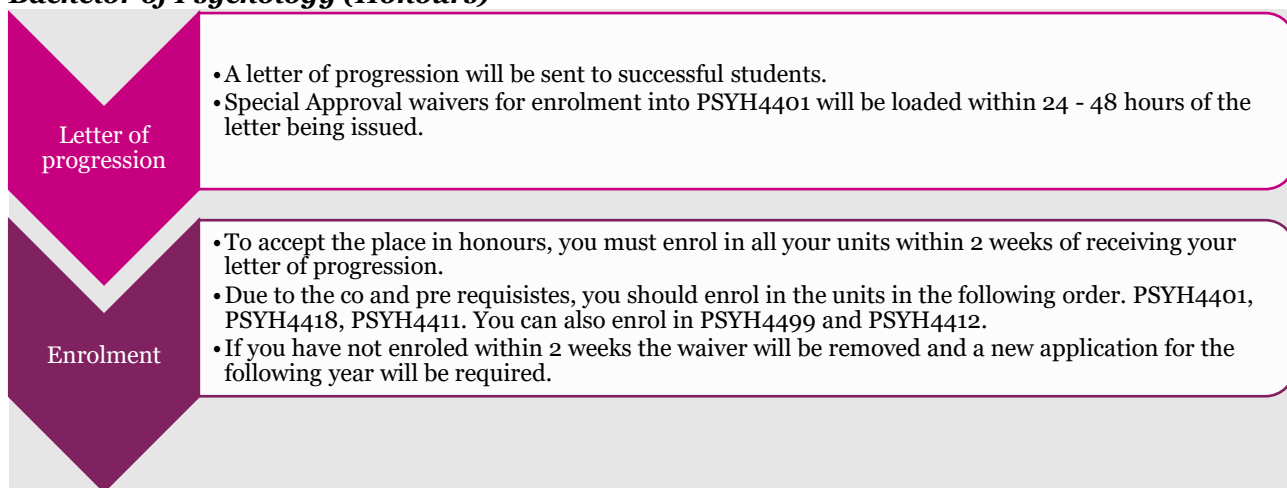
## ENROLMENT

Your ability to enrol will be dependent on the course you are admitted to as explained below.

**Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours)**



**Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**



**WHAT YOU WILL STUDY**

For both degrees, the Honours component is comprised of 80 credit points:

- Research Thesis (PSYH4401 - 40 credit points).
- Four coursework units (Core: PSYH4418 & PSYH4499; Electives: PSYH4411 & PSYH4412 - 40 credit points).

Honours Year Schedule	
<a href="#">PSYH4418</a> - Design and Statistics IV (10cp)	<a href="#">PSYH4499</a> - The Scientist Practitioner Model (10cp)
<a href="#">PSYH4411</a> - Advanced Topics in Psychology Honours I (10cp)	<a href="#">PSYH4412</a> - Advanced Topics in Psychology Honours II (10cp)
Session 1	Session 2
<a href="#">PSYH4401</a> - Honours Thesis (40cp)	
Full Year Session	

## ADVANCED TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS I & II

After enrolling in your units, you will be able to register in classes except for units PSYH4411 and PSYH4412. These units contain streams for which you will receive further information via email after 18 February. Registering in the class will select the stream studied for that unit.

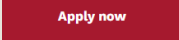
Class registration dates for PSYH4411 (S1) and PSYH4412 (S2) will be published in the PSYH4401 iLearn site.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

## APPLICATION FORM

Applicants must complete the appropriate application form for the course they intend to progress into as listed in Table 1 below. Late applications will not be accepted, however, where required updated transcripts can be provided after the closing date. Current MQ students will not be required to submit updated transcripts. It is important to note the last date to submit updated transcripts in Table 3.

**TABLE 1 APPLICATION FORM**

Application Form – Closes 31 October 2024	
Course	Application Pathway
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours)	From the 'How to apply' page on the <a href="#">Course Finder website</a> , click on  and follow the instructions.
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) – progressing to the final year only.	From the Psychology Undergraduate Course iLearn Site, scroll down to the Psychology Honours information and click on the application form. <i>Note:</i> This application form will only be available from 11 September to 31 October 2024.

## ELIGIBILITY

The minimum eligibility requirements differ between the two courses as provided in the relevant MQ website as listed on page 2 and included below in Table 2.

**TABLE 2 MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Course	Eligibility Criteria
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of a Level 1 Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved Psychology Bachelor Degree (AQF level 7), or APAC endorsed equivalent, with a minimum performance equivalent to a MQ WAM of 75+.</li> <li>For applicants applying with a completed MQ degree, the WAM calculation will include all units completed within the Bachelor of Psychology degree.</li> <li>For applicants applying with a degree from an institution other than MQ, the WAM will be calculated in the following ways,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where the institution only provides a GPA a standard conversion table will be used to establish the closest equivalent WAM.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of at least 240 credit points, including all required units at 3000 level and below. and,</li> <li>A minimum WAM of 70 across all Psychology units (including STAT1103 or equivalent) and a minimum WAM of 75 across all 3000-level Psychology units.</li> </ul>

## RANKING

The ranking will be based on the overall WAM of all units contributing to the 3-year undergraduate psychology degree which have been completed at the end of Session 2. Where the number of students who meet the eligibility criteria exceeds resources, they will be ranked based on the overall degree WAM of at least 75 until at least 80 places are filled.

Any Bachelor of Psychology Honours student who commenced or transferred prior to 2022 and meets the eligibility criteria will not be ranked and will receive an offer provided they meet the eligibility requirements as set out in Table 2, page 6.

# ALLOCATION OF PLACES

The Faculty will release places through two rounds in an effort to advise students as soon as possible while also considering students who are experiencing delays providing their final results. Table 3 below provides the dates that will inform the release of outcomes.

**TABLE 3 DUE DATES FOR EACH ROUND**

Round	Updated results	Offer Letters to be released	Last Date to accept	Thesis Topic
1	Monday, 16 December 2024	Thursday, 19 December 2024	Thursday, 3 January 2025	Wednesday, 19 February 2025
2	Monday, 10 February 2025	Thursday, 13 February 2025	Monday, 17 February 2025	Wednesday, 19 February 2025

In the first round you may receive one of the following;

- A formal offer or Letter to progress (depending on the course)
- Notification that while an offer was not possible in this round you are still competitive and will be considered in Round 2.
- Notification that you have not been competitive enough or met the minimum requirements to be offered a place.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

We wish you all the best in your application and should you have further questions please contact the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences by submitting a structured enquiry via [Service Connect](#) including in the subject ‘Honours Year Admission’.



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