

Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology is an academic Department in the Faculty of Community and Health Sciences (CHS). As an academic servicing department, we offer our undergraduate modules to various departments in and outside of the CHS Faculty. Students who are accepted into the BA General 3-year, degree programme in the Faculty of Arts can register for Psychology, as of their first year.

BA students who wish to pursue Psychology as a Major subject are encouraged to check the table below to ensure that they qualify to register for Psychology modules.

To register for Psychology modules you will need at least: a level 4 for English (Home or Additional Language); a level 3 or 4 for Maths or Maths Literacy, respectively; and a level 4 for any other subject (except for Life Orientation). Mathematics is a specific subject requirement should students wish to register for Psychology.

Subject	Description	Level	Percentage
English	Home or Additional language	4	50-59%
Maths lit OR		4 OR	50-59%
Maths		3	40-49%
Another subject	Any other subject (except Life Orientation)	4	50-59%



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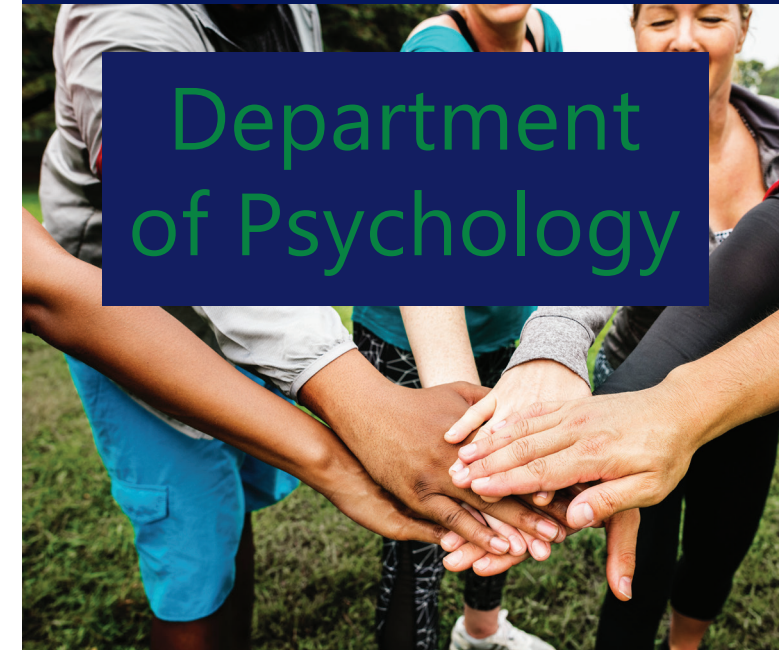
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A place of quality,
a place to grow, from hope
to action through knowledge

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of human emotion, cognition, and behaviour. Careers in psychology can be very rewarding and fulfilling, albeit challenging. Being allowed entry into the private and often vulnerable sides of others, is a privilege, and the opportunity to contribute to the healing and growth of others, makes for a meaningful life experience.

Frequently asked questions

Q1: Are there any special requirements to study Psychology?

A: Other than the admission requirements, there are no other special requirements.

Q2. Will I be a psychologist after completing my BA degree?

A: No. After completing all three years with Psychology as a major subject, students would need to apply (within their third year) for the Honours programme to further their training at a postgraduate-level.

Q3: How do I become a psychologist?

A: In South Africa, to practise as a psychologist requires professional registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). There are a number of categories in which a person may register to practice Psychology, including: Clinical, Counselling, Educational, Industrial, and Research Psychology. Recent categories offered by the HPCSA include Neuropsychology and Forensic Psychology.

In order to register with the HPCSA, a Masters degree in the specific category of Psychology is required. Training in Masters is followed by a certified internship, and, for Clinical Psychology, an additional year of community service.

Psychology Qualifications offered at UWC

Postgraduate programmes offered at the UWC Department of Psychology include an Honours degree, a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology, a Masters degree in Research Psychology, a Masters by thesis only, and a Doctoral degree by dissertation.

The following qualifications are required for professional registration as a psychologist:

- BA degree with Psychology as a major subject
- Postgraduate Honours degree in Psychology*
- Professional Masters degree in Clinical Psychology OR Research Psychology**

*A minimum average percentage of 65% for Psychology in the third year of study is required to be considered for the Honours programme.

**An average percentage of at least 65% for the Honours degree is required to apply for admission into the Clinical or Research Masters degree programme.

The selection process for entry into one of these masters programmes is EXTREMELY competitive. In South Africa, universities tend to select around 8-10 students per year for a professional masters programme in Psychology.

Prospective students who are interested in careers in Educational Psychology or Industrial Psychology are advised to consult the UWC Faculty of Education or the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, respectively.

Website: www.uwc.ac.za/Faculties/CHS/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx
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Welcome to Psychology at UWC

The UWC Department of Psychology, in the Faculty of Community and Health Sciences, offers various postgraduate programmes spearheaded by academics committed to social change and transformation.

Academic staff conduct research and community engagement in various areas, including, but not limited to: substance abuse, child and adolescent development and wellbeing, trauma and stress, family and community resilience, gender-based violence, women's reproductive health, grief and bereavement, human-animal interaction, first-generation students, and critical community psychologies.

Undergraduate Psychology Modules

For a BA degree with a Major in Psychology, there are several core modules. Further information is available in the undergraduate booklet:

First year:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Brain & Behaviour
- The Psychology of Child Development
- Introduction to Research Methods & Statistics

Second year:

- Human Development
- Introduction to Psychological Interventions
- Introduction to Psychopathology
- Research Methods

Third year:

- Psychopathology
- Introduction to Personality Theories
- The Psychology of Social Identity & Oppression
- Quantitative and Qualitative Research