FAQs 2014

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)/Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
VTAC Code: 3200333351, RMIT Code: BH106, FT, City Campus

Information about this program is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/BH106

How many students are accepted into the program?
2014 – 596 applicants.
2014 – 35 student places.
*Data from RMIT 2014 Facts and Figures domestic applications

How many contact and self-directed hours study per week?
You will study four 12-credit point courses or the equivalent each semester. Full-time students are expected to attend 12 hours of classes and undertake approximately 36 hours of extra study and research weekly. There are often concentrated periods of out-of-class work when assessments are due.

Are evening classes available?
No. All classes are scheduled from Monday to Friday between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm.

How many students are in a class?
There are large lectures. First year tutorials have about 25 students in a class.

Is there a work placement?
In the second semester of third and fifth years, you’ll undertake two 70-day placements, usually within human service organisations.

The first placement focuses on direct practice with individuals, families and small groups. The second placement involves the integration of theory and macro-level practice. Placements may be arranged locally with some opportunity for placements interstate or overseas.

Can I study overseas?
Exchange agreements – you can go on exchange for a semester to a partner institution (e.g. in New Zealand, Canada, Chile)

Study tours – you can go on a study tour organised by the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies (e.g. Thai/Burma border, Philippines study tour)

Field education – you can undertake your second work placement abroad (e.g. in India, Philippines, Ethiopia)

What are the job opportunities?
Because social workers and psychologists often work together, you will be highly employable. With your working knowledge of social science, psychology and social work, you are highly employable in human service organisations, community-based agencies, various levels of government, and increasingly in corporate and private enterprise. You’ll be eligible for a wide range of human service or community jobs in areas like: community development, dispute mediation, community health, industrial relations, policy and advocacy work, and youth and family services.

Will I require extra materials and how much do they cost?
Reading kits are available if you choose to purchase from the RMIT Bookshop.

In addition to tuition fees, you will be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF).

Do I need my own computer or any other special equipment or software?
A computer is advantageous, but is not a requirement, as students have access to computer labs with the relevant software.

Can I defer my place?
It is RMIT policy that all students are able to defer their studies for a maximum of 12 months. Six month deferment may be possible if places are available at mid-year.

What are the entrance requirements?
ATAR:  2014 = 90.20  2013 = 90.10

Please note the English Study Score for this RMIT Bachelor degree is a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English.

Non-Year 12: Applicants must complete and submit a VTAC Personal History online if they wish other information to be considered. Applicants should explain their reasons for wanting to study the program and include details of any relevant work or other experience.
What are the pathways for this program?

Graduates of the following RMIT programs with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are guaranteed entry (subject to certain criteria) into one of the School’s Bachelor degrees:

- Advanced Diploma of Justice
- Diploma of Languages
- Advanced Diploma of Translating
- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting

Graduates of the following RMIT programs are eligible for exemptions (subject to certain criteria):

- Diploma of Community Services Work
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs & Mental Health)
- Diploma of Community Development
- Diploma of Youth Work
- Advanced Diploma of Disability Work

What support is there for students with disabilities?

RMIT has a comprehensive centralised support service - the Disability Liaison Unit (DLU) - for students with a disability.

What are the fees for this program?

The Australian government has announced changes to funding of Commonwealth supported places (CSPs). These may affect the proportion of the fee paid by student contribution from 2016. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered and www.studyassist.gov.au

Financial assistance is available to eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Are there any equity places available?

If you are studying VCE or VCAL at a Schools Network Access Program (SNAP) school and want to apply to RMIT, please talk with your school’s careers or pathway coordinator to help you go through the process for applying for equity consideration. For more information, visit www.rmit.edu.au/study/applying-to-rmit/equity-access