Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)

**WHY SOCIAL SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY) AT RMIT?**

This degree is based in the social sciences with a comprehensive psychology specialisation, which comprises 11 psychology courses, 10 social science courses and two electives. The combination of core psychology courses with social sciences is a unique and attractive feature of the degree.

Field education is a major feature of the degree. In third year you will undertake an internship under the supervision of a qualified psychologist. As well as gaining practical experience, field education allows you to develop networks, career opportunities and, for many, employment outcomes in your chosen area of interest.

**WHERE CAN THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY) TAKE ME? WHERE COULD I END UP WORKING?**

There are many psychology degree programs in Australian universities. The Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) at RMIT University has been designed as a first degree for people looking for a social science degree with a psychology specialisation. It is ideal for those who plan to work in human service organisations, community-based agencies, human resource management, multicultural agencies, and educational settings that call for a grasp of the insights, traditions and practices of psychology and the social sciences.

Students seeking to qualify as a practising psychologist must apply either for entry to honours, or an equivalent graduate year of study in psychology. Upon completion of the fourth year (honours), you will meet the basic academic requirement for registration as a probationary psychologist. To become a qualified psychologist, you must complete an additional two-year Master of Psychology.

**IS THE PROGRAM ACCREDITED?**

Yes, the program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), which accredits tertiary psychology programs in Australia. Accreditation means that the program is recognised by the Psychology Board of Australia, and is recognised by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) as suitable for membership. The APS is the largest professional association for psychologists in Australia, representing more than 18,500 members.

**WHAT ARE THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS?**

Current Year12: Units 3 and 4–English (any). ENTER/ATAR and two-stage process with a middle-band of approximately 20%.

Non Year 12: Applicants must complete and submit a VTAC Pi form.

**WHAT IS THE CLEARLY IN ENTER FOR THE PROGRAM?**

Enter scores vary annually and are indicative only. The ENTER for this program for admission in 2010 was a clearly in of 85.4.

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HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

In 2010: Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) - Approximately 56 students.
International places - Approximately 6 students.

CAN ANYONE APPLY TO STUDY YOUR PROGRAM?

Our students come from all walks of life – straight out of secondary school, the VET sector, transferring from other universities, industry professionals or mature age students. Students who have commenced or completed any tertiary study, regardless of the field of study, are encouraged to apply.

HOW MANY CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK ARE THERE?

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 evening classes are available at this time.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN A CLASS?

Approximately 25 students in each tutorial

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 midyear.

WILL I REQUIRE EXTRA MATERIALS?

First year students will require either a textbook or reader for each course.

DO I NEED MY OWN COMPUTER OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL EQUIPMENT?

At RMIT students have access to computer facilities on campus through Open Access facilities including 24-hour access labs.

CAN I STUDY OVERSEAS AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM?

RMIT students have the opportunity to participate in Exchange agreements, Study tours and the RMIT International Industry Experience and Research Program (RIIERP).

WHAT SUPPORT IS THERE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES?

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

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