

I want to be a psychologist.

Study Psychology as part of a Bachelor of Arts if you are interested in social sciences and arts subjects.



SAMPLE STUDY PLAN

Foundation Studies Programme



Delivered by UP International College New Zealand

Duration:

- 6 months
- 8-9 months
- 12 months

The VUW Foundation Studies Programme ensures you not only meet Victoria University of Wellington undergraduate course entry requirements but that you are fully prepared for the challenges of degree-level study.



Bachelor of Arts in Psychology



Delivered by Victoria University of Wellington

Duration: 3 years



Postgraduate Psychology



Delivered by Victoria University of Wellington

Duration: 2 years



Career opportunities



A degree in Psychology will help you in any job that requires an understanding of people. Your knowledge of human behaviour and your skills in critical thinking and research can be applied to many fields.

If you choose to complete postgraduate studies, you might work in counselling, social services, human resources, corrections, or education. Or you may take up a role as researcher or policy analyst in a government organisation.

Employability

Graduates with a general psychology degree may work in roles that involve understanding and engaging with others such as sales, marketing, recruitment or communication professionals, or helping others in disability support or youth engagement.


In business and ICT sectors, they could be in software testing, user-centred design, coaching or training roles. An Honours or postgraduate qualification can be helpful for graduates wanting to work in policy and research.

To become a registered psychologist you need:

- a Master's or higher degree in psychology
- 1,500 hours of closely supervised practice, approved and evaluated by the New Zealand Psychologists Board
- to be registered with the New Zealand Psychologists Board.

Psychology graduates with a clinical qualification, which includes a Postgraduate Diploma and a Master's qualification in Psychology then registration following two years' work experience, are able to work as clinical psychologists.

Related occupations (Some of the roles may require a higher level of skill than entry-level psychologists and counsellors): Career Consultant, Community Worker, Psychotherapist, Social Worker, Teacher.

 Pay for psychologists varies depending on their specialisation, experience and employer.

Psychologists at district health boards:

Trainee psychologists usually earn **\$56,000 - \$59,000**

Qualified psychologists usually earn **\$72,000 - \$103,000**

Senior psychologists, who may also supervise staff can earn **\$106,000 - \$125,000**

Psychologists working in private practice earn from **\$160 - \$260 an hour**

Find out more at careers.govt.nz

Source: Apex and District Health Boards, 'Psychologists' Multi-Employer Collective Agreement, March 2019 to March 2021', 2020; and New Zealand College of Clinical Psychologists, 2021.



Rayna Tuina Tuinalifa Phillips
Victoria University of Wellington
Graduate

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"I really wanted to pursue registration as a mental health practitioner. Psychology was the obvious first step, but introducing Criminology took a while. I decided to go with the Psychology and Criminology double major as this is a good combination of two complementary subjects. It ultimately came down to what would strengthen my practice later and better equip me to serve a marginalised group with specific service needs."

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY



Learn how our biology and our environment interact to make us who we are.

Why choose BA in Psychology

Gain a new understanding of the world and the people who live in it. Choose a Bachelor of Arts if you want to combine Psychology with mostly humanities and arts subjects such as Criminology, Education, and Sociology.

You'll learn from teachers with international reputations and study in world-class facilities. These include specialised laboratories for animal behaviour and cognitive neuroscience, as well as for social, developmental, cross-cultural, forensic, and clinical psychology.

You'll have access to eye-tracking equipment, a brain stimulation lab, electroencephalography (EEG) technology, and a psychophysiological recording suite.

What you'll learn

Gain insights into why people think, act, and feel the way they do. Examine social behaviour, emotion, personality, and motivation, and consider what leads to healthy development and what causes dysfunction.

You'll learn about perception—how our brains can tell red from blue or hot from cold—and discover the way we store and retrieve memories. You'll also learn about how we define ourselves and become the people we are—looking at the role of culture, experiences, and thinking processes on how we develop.

Discover how psychological research is carried out and learn to use statistics to analyse findings in surveys and lab experiments.



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School of Psychology in New Zealand in terms of research and output



Capital connections -
University's links with local schools, Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children, the Department of Corrections, the New Zealand Police, and the Capital and Coast District Health Board



Top 100

Psychology school in the world for several years^

^2022 QS World University Rankings by Subject



FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

Programme type	Fast-track	Standard	Standard Plus	Foundation Connect
Duration	6 months	8-9 months	12 months	6 months
Tuition fees*	\$18,750 NZD	\$23,250 NZD	\$29,900 NZD	\$15,990 NZD
Resource fee	\$800 NZD	\$800 NZD	\$800 NZD	\$800 NZD**
Exam fee	\$350 NZD	\$350 NZD	\$350 NZD	\$350 NZD**
Application fee	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD**
2023 Start dates (incl. Orientation)	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October
English language requirements***	IELTS 6.0 (no band less than 5.0)	IELTS 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	IELTS 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	IELTS 4.5 (no band less than 4.0)
International entry requirements	IB: at least 4× 4 grade CIE: 2 B grades and 2 C grades	IB: at least 3× 4 grade CIE: 4 C grades	IB: at least 2× 4 grade CIE: 2 D grades and 2 C grades	Please contact UP International College at international@up.education

*The tuition fees quoted above are in \$NZD and are correct at the time of publication (30 November 2022). Visit wgnt.up.education

** Students starting with Foundation Connect will pay the Resource, Application and Exam fees once and will not be charged again upon progression to Foundation.

***IELTS criteria can be substituted for assessment with an UP English Language Test (UPELT) or accepted equivalents.



PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

To gain entry to a Victoria University of Wellington undergraduate degree from the Foundation Studies Programme:

- Successfully complete 120 credits in the Foundation Studies Programme.
- Achieve 50% or higher in all English courses and two other core subjects, equal to 60 credits.
- Achieve 50% or higher in six optional subjects equal to 60 credits (300 marks out of a possible 600).

Programme	Intakes	Minimum Duration (Years)	Minimum English language proficiency
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II (core subjects in Foundation Studies programme)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Progression Scholarships

Progression scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 are awarded towards the tuition fees of the first year of undergraduate degree study at Victoria University of Wellington.

Pathway Scholarships

International Excellence Scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 and Fast Track Foundation Scholarships of up to NZ\$2,500 are available for the Foundation Studies Programme.

Foundation Connect Scholarship

Student who successfully progress from Foundation Connect programme to Standard Foundation programme will be awarded up to NZ\$5,000 scholarship if they achieve top results.



Scan to learn more about Scholarships and Academic Entry Requirements



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