The Department of Psychology at Monash University Malaysia is dedicated to producing graduates who are capable to handle human-related matters, and address the challenges faced by contemporary societies. The Department particularly aims to train students, who are curious about human behavior and experience, critically think about themselves, and sensitive to gender, ethnicity, class and race-related differences. The courses offered by the Department are designed to ensure that the students are able to comprehend the discourse of the discipline, present a persuasive argument on relevant topics, develop interpersonal skills, and learn the ethical principles of psychological research and practice.

The department offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses including the Bachelor of Psychological Science, a comprehensive psychology program that will equip students with the knowledge and understanding of the psychological theories and research, the Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business, an applied psychology program which combines the psychology and business components, the Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business (Honours) that trains students to undertake independent research and offers pathway to postgraduate studies, the Master of Professional Counseling which provides the students with the skills and knowledge necessary for counseling practice, as well as the research Doctorate (PhD, Psychology).

Students undertaking psychology courses are exposed to multiple mediums of learning including lectures, lectorials, tutorials and labs, where they are encouraged to actively engage in debates and open discussions. The Psychology program introduced a computerised interactive teaching tool called MyPsych Lab in most of psychology units. To best achieve the learning goals, numerous modes of assessment such as online quizzes, exams, reports, presentations and lab journals are used to track students’ development in multiple domains.

The academic team teaching psychology at Monash University Malaysia is actively involved in research on a variety of topics. The psychology team has received competitive external grants and all have published in internationally recognised journals and edited volumes.

Besides the core Psychology courses offered by the Department, students may opt to pursue an arts degree with a major in Psychology, offered by the School of Arts and Social Sciences, or a science degree majoring in psychology offered by the School of Science.

Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business, and Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business (Psychology) (Honours) are all accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council. Master of Professional Counselling is fully accredited by the Australian Counselling Association and the Psychotherapy & Counselling Federation of Australia.
The Bachelor of Psychological Science is designed for students who wish to study psychology intensively over a three-year period, with a view to pursuing a career as a research or professional psychologist. In the three years of the degree, students will cover the core areas of the scientific discipline of psychology, as well as being able to pursue their specific interests in a range of areas relating to the application of psychology. By completing this degree, the students will gain in-depth knowledge of how studies on psychology, cognition, emotion, society and the self can be applied to help with enhancing human lives. The Bachelor of Psychological Science contains an Australian Psychology Accreditation Accredited Council (APAC) accredited Psychology sequence of units. Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Psychological Science will be eligible to apply for entry to other fourth year programs in psychology, such as Honours, or Master of Professional Counselling.

Students will enhance their ability to develop careers in psychology through the development of effective interpersonal and communication skills, the mastering of essential research design procedures, statistical analyses and methods of written and oral communication relevant to the field of psychology. Students will also develop a better understanding of pure science and social science through this program and apply the knowledge to their learning in psychology.

**ACCREDITATION**

This course is fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

**AREAS OF STUDY**

- Psychology and its application in a Global context

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

The course comprises 144 points, of which 126 points are focused on the study of psychological science and 18 points are free electives. Units are generally six points.

The course develops through three themes:

**PSYCHOLOGY FUNDAMENTALS AND FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS**

This will develop your understanding of core areas of psychology, including knowledge of the theoretical and empirical basis of our current understanding of human psychology.

**RESEARCH METHODS AND CRITICAL THINKING**

This will assist you to develop an understanding of the scientific method and use this knowledge in order to critically evaluate contemporary and historical claims relating to human behaviour and mental processes and to apply this knowledge to the generation of new research questions.

**PSYCHOLOGY IN PRACTICE AND SOCIETY**

This is the component of the course through which you will develop further skills and knowledge in psychological science or study units in supporting disciplines that underpin your particular area of focus for practice.

**ELECTIVE STUDY**

This will enable you to further develop your knowledge of psychology, or to select units from across the Faculty or the University (in which you are eligible to enrol).

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Units are six credit points unless otherwise stated.

(a) Psychology fundamentals and foundational skills (72 points)

All students complete:

- BIO1011 Biology I
- BIO1022 Biology II
- PSY1011 Psychology I A
- PSY1022 Psychology I B
- PSY2061 Biological psychology
- PSY2071 Developmental psychology
- PSY2042 Personality and social psychology
- PSY3032 Abnormal psychology
- PSY3051 Perception and cognitive psychology

Three additional units appropriate to the area of focus (18 points)

Global Context stream:

- AMU1325 Contemporary Worlds I
- AMU1326 Contemporary Worlds II
- PSY3150 Contemporary Social Psychology

(b) Research methods and critical thinking (6 points)

All students complete:

- PSY3062 Research methods and theory

(c) Psychology in practice and society (48 points)
All students complete (24 points):

- PMH1011 Mental health in the community
- PSY3041 Psychological testing, theories of ability and ethics
- PSY3130 Health psychology
- PSY3120 Introduction to counselling

Students also complete the following units (24 points):

- AMU2814 Transforming Community: Project Design and Public Relations for Social Campaigns
- AMU2625 Borders, People and Identity: migration in the 21st century
- SCI2010 Scientific practice and communication
- PSY3250 Positive Psychology

(d) Elective study (18 points)

Elective units may be chosen from the faculty or across the University so long as you have the prerequisites and there are no restrictions on admission to the units. The units may be at any level, however, no more than 10 units (60 points) are to be completed at level 1 in this course.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Career opportunities are vast for graduates with qualifications in psychology. This degree will provide the opportunity for a career in a diverse range of fields including research, clinical psychology, human resources, community services and counselling, education and health services.
This course is intended for students who wish to apply psychological training to work in a business environment. Students acquire a fundamental understanding of the major principles of psychology and are exposed to a broad cross section of topics relevant to applied and professional psychology. They also acquire a basic knowledge of core business disciplines and specialised knowledge in one business area, and develop an understanding of psychology in a business environment.

ACCREDITATION
This course is fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

OUTCOMES
Upon completion of this course, students would have:
- been exposed to a broad cross section of topics relevant to applied and professional psychology
- acquired a basic knowledge of core business disciplines and specialised knowledge in one business area
- developed effective interpersonal and communication skills
- mastered the essential research design, statistical analyses and methods of written and oral communication relevant to the fields of psychology and business
- developed an understanding of psychology in a business environment
- acquired skills in modern information technologies, which will enhance their effectiveness in employment
- the ability to commence and develop careers in psychology, marketing, management, human resources, or other corporate sectors
- acquired the skills and aptitude to progress to postgraduate studies and/or research

AREA OF STUDY
- Psychology
  Plus one of the following majors
  - Accountancy
  - Applied economics
  - Banking and financial management
  - Business law and taxation
  - Econometrics and business statistics
  - International business management
  - Management
  - Strategic marketing

COURSE STRUCTURE
The course consists of the following:
- A 10-unit undergraduate major sequence in psychology
  - Psychology 1A
  - Psychology 1B
  - Developmental psychology
  - Biological psychology
  - Personality and social psychology
  - Organisational psychology
  - Psychological testing, theories of ability and ethics
  - Perception and cognitive psychology
  - Abnormal psychology
  - Research methods and theory
- Six core business units from the School of Business
  - Principles of accounting and finance
  - Malaysian business law
  - Business statistics
  - Introductory microeconomics
  - Introduction to management
  - Marketing theory and practice
- An eight-unit major offered by the School of Business
  Select one of the following majors
  - Accountancy
  - Banking and financial management
  - Business law and taxation
  - Econometrics and business statistics
  - Applied economics
  - International business management
  - Management
  - Strategic marketing

YEAR ONE
Semester one
- Principles of accounting and finance
- Introduction to management
- Marketing theory and practice
- Psychology 1A

Semester two
- Introductory microeconomics
- Malaysian business law
- Business statistics
- Psychology 1B

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Upon graduation, career opportunities are vast for graduates with qualifications in both business and psychology. They include organisational psychologist, human resources manager, industrial relations consultant, market researcher, public policy adviser, training and development coordinator and international business manager.
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**AREA OF STUDY**

Psychology

Plus one of the following majors
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**COURSE STRUCTURE**

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- Marketing theory and practice

**An eight-unit major offered by the School of Business**

Select one of the following majors
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- Banking and financial management
- Business law and taxation
- Econometrics and business statistics
- Applied economics
- International business management
- Management
- Strategic marketing

**YEAR ONE**

**Semester one**

- Principles of accounting and finance
- Introduction to management
- Marketing theory and practice
- Psychology 1A

**Semester two**

- Introductory microeconomics
- Malaysian business law
- Business statistics
- Psychology 1B

**YEAR TWO**

**Semester one**

- Developmental psychology
- Biological psychology
- Two units from the Business and Economics major*

**Semester two**

- Personality and social psychology
- Organisational psychology
- Two units from the Business and Economics major*

**YEAR THREE**

**Semester one**

- Psychological testing, theories of ability and ethics
- Perception and Cognitive psychology
- Two units from the Business and Economics major*

**Semester two**

- Abnormal psychology
- Research methods and theory
- Two units from the Business and Economics major*

*Consist of eight different units. Please refer to areas of study for the list of majors

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Upon graduation, career opportunities are vast for graduates with qualifications in both business and psychology. They include organisational psychologist, human resources manager, industrial relations consultant, market researcher, public policy adviser, training and development coordinator and international business manager.
Upon successful completion of the bachelor’s degree, students can opt to extend their studies for an extra year. This is a unique opportunity for students to develop their skills as a junior researcher and it prepares them for the transition into pursuing a higher degree such as Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Psychology (DPsych) as well as Masters in Psychology courses, such as Masters in Clinical Psychology or Masters in Organisational Psychology.

Students with an Honours degree in Psychology from Monash University Malaysia can apply for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) or PhD programs directly.

**ACCRREDITATION**

All Psychology honours degrees at Monash University Malaysia are fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA).

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

This course consists of two assessed components - supervised research project as well as coursework seminars and lectures. Students also participate in a series of skills workshops. The course builds on knowledge gained in the undergraduate psychology major.

- PSY4100 Research project
- PSY4210 Statistics and Research Design for Professional Psychology
- PSY4220 Ethical and Professional Issues in Psychology
- PSY4270 Psychological Assessment and Intervention
- PSY4110 Psychology in Society

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Bachelor of Science (Honours) also follow the same Honours course structure. These courses are also accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Students completing this program are well prepared to undertake further studies towards clinical practice or research. Graduates who wish to practise as a psychologist will need to undertake further studies and supervised training.
The Master of Professional Counselling in Monash University Malaysia is a skill-based course suited to those with an interest in counselling. It is taught by academics with extensive experience of working as professional counsellors/psychologists.

This course is designed to prepare students to become registered counsellors in settings such as community mental health, schools, health centers, workplaces, and in private practice. The course is also suitable for people already working in various professions who may wish to utilise counselling skills in roles such as teaching, social work and human resources. A distinctive feature of the course is its focus on preparing students to be culturally competent counsellors in Malaysia and the region.

This course requires students to undertake 504 hours of clinical placements, including a minimum of 192 hours of client contact. Through these mandatory placements, students have an opportunity to apply theory to practice under supervision in clinical settings.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS**

This course is fully accredited by:

- Australian Counselling Association (ACA)
- Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA)

This course will also be submitted for accreditation by:

- Malaysian Board of Counsellors (Lembaga Kaunselor Malaysia)

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

This course consists of advance preparatory units, core units and application units. Students must complete

(a) Four advanced preparatory units (24 points)
   - Counselling practice and theory
   - Human growth and lifespan development
   - Mental health issues: grief, trauma and substance abuse
   - Counselling in a multicultural context

(b) Eight core units (48 points)
   - Children and adolescents counselling
   - Personnel and career development counselling
   - Counselling skills: individuals and couples
   - Ethics and professional issues in counselling and psychology
   - Group counselling skills and psychotherapy
   - Cognitive behaviour therapy
   - Advanced personnel and career development counselling
   - Counselling research design, statistics and program evaluation

(c) Four application units (24 points)
   - Psychological assessment and measurement
   - Counselling practicum
   - Research project in counselling
   - Counselling Internship

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

On completion of the course, graduates should be able to work as counsellors with an advanced level of knowledge, and be cognisant of the professional issues involved in undertaking counselling as a profession in Malaysia and the region. Graduates would be able to work in settings such as community mental health clinics, schools, health centers, workplaces and in private practice.

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The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) comprises courses and research in an area of interest combined with training options under the guidance of at least 2 supervisors. It shall be an original contribution to the field of study and is required to meet internationally recognised standards for such work. Students wishing to study a PhD in Psychology must hold an appropriate postgraduate qualification or have completed the honours course in psychology. For a list of the potential PhD supervisors see: www.med.monash.edu.my/courses/postgraduate/2015-07-08-09-30-06/supervisors

**A QUICK GUIDE TO PHD ADMISSION**

This checklist will guide you through the admission process:

- Step 1: Check your eligibility
- Step 2: Obtain an invitation to apply
- Step 3: Submit online application
- Step 4: Accept candidature offer
- Step 5: Apply for scholarship (if applicable)

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