

Psychology

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year or Semester

Credit value: 20 Credits (Full year)
10 Credits
(Semester 1 only)

Advice to students

No background knowledge is required, although competent literacy and numeracy skills are expected.

Course overview

The study of psychology enables students to understand their own behaviours and the behaviours of others. It has direct relevance to their personal lives.

Psychological knowledge can be applied to improve outcomes and the quality of experience in various areas of life such as education, intimate relationships, child rearing, employment and leisure.

SACE Stage 2 Psychology also involves:

- building on the scientific method by involving students in the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data
- emphasising evidence-based procedures (such as observation, experimentation and experience).

Topics

- Introduction to Psychology (compulsory)
- Social Cognition
- Learning
- Personality
- Psychobiology of Altered States of Awareness
- Healthy Minds

* 10 Credit students study the first four topics.

Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

School-based assessment

- Investigations Folio 30%
- Skills and Applications Tasks 40%

External assessment

- Examination 30%

Pathways

Psychology provides a range of transferrable skills that provide for numerous degree and diploma courses at University and TAFE, and employment in a wide range of vocational pathways.