



### Delving into psychology with UWS

UWS School of Psychology courses combine advanced academic knowledge with real-life training to suit a range of career needs and interests.

The Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) is a fee-paying professional Master's course designed to develop competent clinical psychologists with thorough cognitive behavioural training. Graduates will be equipped to become specialist practitioners in the scientist/practitioner mode.

The Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies prepares graduates for an accredited fourth year in Psychology. However, the Diploma does not include a fourth year.

The Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology is a fee-paying fourth year of study in psychology designed for those seeking professional accreditation. This award may be studied under the FEE-HELP Scheme.

UWS offers an active research culture broaching a range of theoretical and epistemological approaches, in both applied and pure psychological research.

Our expertise covers a range of methods including experimental, quasi-experimental and qualitative research, and a strong program of postgraduate training, including PhD and Masters of Psychology programs.

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#### POSTGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY

Be recognised among the country's leading psychology practitioners and researchers.

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We have two professional practice centres – the UWS Psychology Clinic and the Psychological Test Library. These centres provide you with first-rate teaching and research facilities as you undertake professional practice training.

The School enjoys its reputation for delivering high quality, academically strong, professionally relevant undergraduate and postgraduate awards.

It offers distinctive undergraduate and fourth year programs, diverse options for postgraduate professional training, and internationally competitive programs of research and postgraduate research training.

### COURSE SUMMARY

UAC CODE	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
952736	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	2F/4P	Bankstown
952752	Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies	1.5F/3P	Bankstown
952756	Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology	1F/2P	Bankstown



**Katherine Huang**  
Psychology - Research Assistant

For Katherine Huang, choosing to study at UWS wasn't difficult. 'Some of the main leaders in psychology within Australia in terms of research and professional practice teach at this university,' she says. 'This ensures I am receiving the best psychological training available.'

'UWS enables flexibility with study options, and attempts to schedule classes to enable postgraduate students to work and support themselves financially, a factor that many other universities do not take into account when scheduling classes.'

'I have really enjoyed learning the most up-to-date knowledge about psychological interventions and the encouragement from lecturers to become independent in my own studies and psychological practice.'

'The classes have been much smaller, which allows for more direct contact with lecturers who are very approachable. I have enjoyed the increased scope to be independent and the encouragement to voice my opinion about any given subject.'

'Studying at UWS has provided me the opportunity to not only be taught by extremely knowledgeable, practising clinical psychologists, but to also learn from my peers.'

## STUDY SEQUENCE-FULL-TIME

Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	
YEAR 1	
1H Session	2H Session
Autumn Session	Clinic Placement A •
Core Skills and Ethical Practice •	Spring Session
Psychological Assessment •	Clinical Psychopathology 2 •
Clinical Psychopathology 1 •	Child Clinical Psychology •
Psychological Interventions 1 •	Psychological Interventions 2 •
	Clinical Research Methods •
YEAR 2	
1H Session	2H Session
Clinic Placement B •	Applied Research Project •
Applied Research Project •	Professional Placement 1 •
Professional Placement 1 •	Professional Placement 2 •
Professional Placement 2 •	Professional Placement 3 •
Professional Placement 3 •	
Autumn Session	Spring Session
Clinical Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology •	Clinical Health Psychology •

### Career opportunities

Completing a four-year study sequence qualifies you to seek registration as a Provisional Psychologist or to apply for entry to Masters level professional practice awards. The courses of the UWS School of Psychology are highly regarded among practitioners and psychology research bodies.

### Professional accreditation

The Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

The Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as a fourth year of study in psychology. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply for Master of Psychology programs at UWS. The degree allows application for registration as a Provisional Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

### Recommended study sequence

#### Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) Full-time

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points.

#### Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies Full-time

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points at Bankstown campus. You may choose units from alternate campuses, but should maintain the integrity of the recommended sequence.

#### Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology Full-time

Candidates for this award complete an 80-credit-point one-year specialist program comprising three core units and two pool units. See study sequence on Page 4.

### Industry placement

All students in the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) will complete specified coursework, a research thesis and 1,000 hours of supervised experience in clinical and other appropriate settings.

## STUDY SEQUENCE-FULL-TIME

Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies	
YEAR 1	
Autumn Session	Spring Session
Psychology: Human Behaviour	Human Learning
Experimental Design and Analysis	Motivation and Emotion
Brain and Behaviour	Social Psychology
Perception	Cognitive Processes
YEAR 2	
Autumn Session	
Personality	
Abnormal Psychology	
Advanced Research Methods	
Developmental Psychology	

### Entry requirements

Applicants will be subject to competitive selection based on academic excellence, interview, external referees' reports, and consideration of professional experience. An indicative academic achievement based on entry in previous years is a grade point average of 5.5 or higher, or an undergraduate honours level of class 2 upper level (2A or 2.1 Honours).

Applicants must:

- Hold an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate Psychology degree or equivalent
- Be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia
- Arrange for completion and submission of referees' reports to UWS
- Attend an interview, by invitation, with the School of Psychology.

Applicants without current full registration with the NSW Psychologists' Registration Board will not be admitted to this course if their degree was completed more than 10 years prior to year of entry. No deferrals will be accepted for this course. Academic referee reports can be downloaded from <http://www.uws.edu.au/applyingforpsychology>

### Additional information for successful applicants:

There are some additional requirements you must meet before you can start your Clinical work as detailed at [www.uws.edu.au/specialrequirements](http://www.uws.edu.au/specialrequirements)

### Special Requirements Prerequisites

To be eligible to undertake professional placement, all students must be eligible for:

- Full or provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia
- A Criminal Record Check
- A National Police Certificate
- Prohibited Employment Declaration or a Working with Children Check Student Declaration
- Child Protection training seminar.

Applicants for the Graduate Diploma in Psychological Studies must have at least the equivalent of a recognised three-year Bachelor degree in a non-psychology discipline.

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology applicants need to have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline (Non Psychology major OR Psychology major older than 10 years).



**Beth Murray-Roach**  
Bachelor of Social Science  
(Psychology) (Honours)

### Currently completing Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)

Beth Murray-Roach believes you should make the most of your UWS experience.

'My studies at UWS have afforded me some fantastic opportunities,' she says. 'In 2004 I won the PAKWA award for mature-aged students, which provided me with financial assistance for purchasing texts. In 2005 I won an educational tour of Japan with the Mitsui Educational Foundation (MEF) and was able to have three fantastic weeks in Tokyo and Kyoto.'

'My academic achievements at UWS led to membership with the Golden Key International Society. Golden Key provides me with a lifelong resource of contacts internationally and regular engagement with what is happening around the world in various professions.'

'UWS mainly stood out for me as an institution that would meet my educational needs. What drew me to the course at UWS were the subjects on offer, which allowed for a variety of areas to be studied in this course such as criminology, psychology, sociology and others.'

'Studying at UWS provided me with not only the theoretical knowledge that helps me on a daily basis to support children and families, but with the practical skills for research, analysis, and communicating in effective and professional ways.'

# 2012 postgraduate study



## Larissa Dodds

Psychologist, Federal Government agency

Studying at UWS provided Larissa Dodds with a chance to develop contacts within her chosen field.

'The course provided excellent learning and placement opportunities,' she says. 'Staff also keep students informed of developments in the field of psychology, as well as of potential employment opportunities.'

'I chose to study at UWS because I was impressed with the academic staff and the program structure. I had also heard good reports from former students about the course and the learning opportunities it provides.'

'The staff are very willing to share their professional experience and knowledge. The small class sizes are beneficial and allow for a more interactive experience, and the staff are very supportive.'

'The UWS clinic placements provide interns with the chance to develop their clinical skills with a variety of clients prior to commencing external placements,' she says.

### Further information

Contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email [postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au](mailto:postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au)

International students call +612 9852 5499 or email [internationalstudy@uws.edu.au](mailto:internationalstudy@uws.edu.au)

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## STUDY SEQUENCE-FULL-TIME

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology	
YEAR 1	
1H Session	2H Session
Empirical Research Methods Seminar	Empirical Research Methods Seminar
Empirical Research Project	Empirical Research Project
Autumn	Spring
Theory and Practice of Psychological Assessment and Intervention	Core Discipline Electives
Pool Units*	

\*Pool Units may vary each year

### English proficiency requirements

If you have undertaken studies overseas you may need to provide proof of proficiency in English. Minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof are found on the Universities Admissions Centre website (UAC) at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed equivalent by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

### Recognition of prior learning

Advanced standing will only be given for psychology units from Australian Psychology Accreditation Council accredited awards under the University's specified credit rules.

At least 50 per cent (60 credit points) of the required credit points for the award must be achieved through formal study at UWS.

### How to apply

Postgraduate course applications are processed online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at [www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate](http://www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate)

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at [myfuture.uws.edu.au](http://myfuture.uws.edu.au)

### For international students

International students need to apply direct to the University. Part-time mode for some of these courses is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations.

Application forms and information on admission are available at [www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions)

For information about studying at UWS, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit [www.uws.edu.au/international](http://www.uws.edu.au/international)