Our School offers:
- Honours in Psychology
- Honours in Bachelor of Behavioural Neuroscience

Honours in Psychology
The Psychology Honours program is offered to students who have completed an Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) approved psychology major.

The Honours program has been designed to satisfy the requirements of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) for Associate Membership.

Honours in Bachelor of Behavioural Neuroscience
Honours level of study in Behavioural Neuroscience aims to extend research training in specialised areas of behavioural neuroscience and to help students acquire sophisticated research skills. The specific Honours programs available to BBNSc Honours students span a wide range of departments and specific research topics. BBNSc students interested in undertaking Honours in Anatomy, Biochemistry, Genetics, Pharmacology or Physiology, should also view the online information available through the relevant Department/School.

Research projects are available in a wide range of areas including:

Developmental Psychology and Psychiatry: focuses on mental health and developmental concerns specific to infants, children, adolescents and families. Research teams and the Centre for Developmental Psychology and Psychiatry undertake research in a wide variety of issues and topics in the area of developmental psychology and psychiatry.

Forensic Mental Health: is an emerging field of discourse at the interface of human services and criminal justice systems, which draws on a range of disciplines including psychology, psychiatry, nursing, criminology, law, social work and ethics.

Human-Animal Interaction: covers a broad range of topics relating to human-animal relationships. Investigation of bonds between owners and companion animals from a psychological perspective, the role of owners in their animal’s wellbeing, public perceptions of animal welfare and how people can affect the behaviour of animals are all undertaken by the human-interaction research group, and in collaboration with the Animal Welfare Sciences Centre.
Neuropsychology and Neuroscience: behavioural neuroscience and neuropsychology are complementary multidisciplinary fields of study, which encapsulate aspects of neurology, psychology and psychiatry. Expanding knowledge of brain structures and mechanisms and how these are involved in normal and abnormal behaviour, psychiatric illness, cognition and movement informs research into prevention, rehabilitation and treatment of psychological, psychiatric and many neurological disorders.

Organisational Psychology: organisational psychology includes industrial and organisational (I/O) psychology; vocational psychology; work psychology; occupational psychology; personnel psychology; managerial psychology; human resource management and development; ergonomics; and consumer psychology.

Psychological and Behavioural Medicine/Health Psychology and Psychiatry: research in health psychology and psychiatry aims to both further knowledge and experience of mental health professionals such as nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists and general medical practitioners and to improve treatments and clinical interventions and thus maximise the wellbeing of all communities.

Health psychology and psychiatry covers a range of specialised research areas which investigate the psychological, social, behavioural and ethical aspects of mental health. This includes: wellbeing and mental health in old age, in cancer patients and their families and care-givers, and in rural communities; suicide and self-injury prevention; relationships between humans and technology; psychiatry in General Practice and nursing; and post-natal depression.

Schizophrenia and Depression: research investigation into areas such as: Schizophrenia and other Psychoses; Women’s mental health, Bipolar Disorder and Major Depressive Disorder. We are developing new approaches to the treatment of mental illness with Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation; hormone modulation; innovative non–drug therapies plus trialing new medications.

Sleep and Chronobiology: working with clinicians and using a dedicated Sleep Laboratory, our research in this area is primarily concerned with circadian rhythms, controlled by the internal biological clock that regulates sleep and waking. We are also interested in environmental factors that affect circadian rhythms (e.g. light), and the effects of restricted sleep on brain, behaviour and cognitive function. Of particular interest is assessing and developing interventions for dysfunctional circadian rhythms, sleep disruption and sleepiness, and particularly fatigue countermeasures in shiftworkers. Our sleep and chronobiology research includes young adults with normal sleep patterns, the elderly, people with psychiatric illnesses, people with sleep disorders such as insomnia, and shift workers.

Social Sciences and Health Research: addresses emerging questions in the field of applied medical anthropology and public health. This includes areas such as: Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM), parenting experiences and issues, and the importance of community in mental health and wellbeing.

Student profile:
Daniel Shea “I wanted to complete honours somewhere that offered excellent postgraduate courses in psychology. Monash meet this requirement, and I am currently enrolled in its Doctor of Psychology(Clinical) program. Monash also provided a level of support and sense of community that I found invaluable in surviving a demanding honours schedule.”

Research projects are also offered as part of the following programs:

• Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours)
  For more information please contact:
  Postal Address
  School of Biomedical Sciences
  Building 13C
  Monash University
  Clayton Campus
  Victoria, 3800 Australia
  Telephone: +61 3 9905 1212
  Fax: +61 3 9905 9328
  Web: www.sci.monash.edu.au

• The honours degree Bachelor of Medical Science
  For more information please contact:
  Postal Address
  BMed Sc Course Administrator
  Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University
  Building 15
  Monash University
  Clayton Campus
  Victoria, 3800 Australia
  Telephone: +61 3 9902 0859
  Email: bmedsc@med.monash.edu.au
  Web: www.med.monash.edu.au/bmedsc/

Further information
School of Psychology and Psychiatry
General Office
Room 404, Building 17
Monash University
Wellington Road
Clayton, Victoria 3168
Telephone: +61 3 9905 5538
Fax: +61 3 9905 3948
Email: 4thyearpsych.enquiries@monash.edu
Web: www.med.monash.edu.au/psych/course/