

# BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINOLOGY (1906)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1906

AQF Level: 7

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

Psychology develops students' scientific knowledge and skills to understand and explain human behaviour and experience. Students will comprehend and apply a broad and coherent body of knowledge of psychology. Areas of study include: history and philosophy of psychology, individual differences in behaviour and personality, psychological health and well-being, psychological disorders and intervention, learning and memory, cognition, language and perception, motivation and emotion, neuroscience and the biological bases of behaviour, lifespan developmental psychology, social psychology, research methods and statistics.

The criminology major offers students the opportunity to study crime and criminal justice in a critical way that particularly stresses social and cultural definitions of criminality and the reactions to it. Areas of focus include criminal justice institutions and practices; the development of criminology as a discipline and its various strands; forms and patterns of victimisation; crime prevention strategies and debates; aspects of juvenile justice; First Peoples and criminal justice; the evolution of prisons and different forms of punishment; law enforcement and surveillance; violence, gender and crime; cultural depictions of crime and contemporary debates in criminology.

## Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

## Program Advice

WSU Online (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/contains/wsu%20online/>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

| Campus      | Attendance | Mode   | Advice  |
|-------------|------------|--------|---|
| WSU Online* | Full Time  | Online | WSU Online Advice ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/16978/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/16978/</a> ) |
| WSU Online* | Part Time  | Online | WSU Online Advice ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/16978/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/16978/</a> ) |

\* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

## Accreditation

This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) on the basis that it meets all the APAC Accreditation Standards.

## Admission

Students apply for admission to this program directly through WSU Online (<https://online.westernsydney.edu.au/online-courses/>). Eligibility will be assessed on the basis of a competitive ATAR or equivalent rank (using non-proximate indicators of success) for school leavers and non-recent school leavers.

### Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

All students must enrol in and complete:

- 140 credit points of Psychology core subjects,
- 20 credit points of Psychology alternate subjects as listed below, and
- 80 credit points of Criminology and Criminal Justice major subjects.

### Psychology Alternate Subjects

| Subject   | Title  | Credit Points |
|-----------|--|---------------|
| BEHV 2020 | Introduction to Digital Mental Health                                    | 10            |
| BEHV 1010 | Positive Psychology: The Science of Happiness, Resilience, and Wellbeing | 10            |
| BEHV 3018 | Psychology and the Online World  | 10            |
| BEHV 1025 | Usable Design  | 10            |

## Full-time

| Course                           | Title                            | Credit Points |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Year 1</b>                    |                                  |               |
| <b>Trimester 1</b>               |                                  |               |
| BEHV 1016                        | Psychology: Behavioural Science  | 10            |
| CULT 1005                        | Crime, Deviance and Society      | 10            |
| BEHV 1003                        | Introduction to Research Methods | 10            |
| One Psychology alternate subject |                                  | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 2</b>               |                                  |               |
| BEHV 1018                        | Psychology: Human Behaviour      | 10            |
| BEHV 2018                        | Personality                      | 10            |
| CULT 1024                        | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 10            |
| One Psychology alternate subject |                                  | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 3</b>               |                                  |               |
| CULT 2018                        | Crime Prevention and Drugs       | 10            |
| BEHV 2010                        | Perception                       | 10            |
| BEHV 2002                        | Brain and Behaviour              | 10            |
| BEHV 3007                        | Cognitive Processes              | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>             |                                  | <b>120</b>    |
| <b>Year 2</b>                    |                                  |               |
| <b>Trimester 4</b>               |                                  |               |
| BEHV 2005                        | Human Learning                   | 10            |
| CULT 2017                        | Youth Justice and Practice       | 10            |
| BEHV 3002                        | Abnormal Psychology              | 10            |
| MATH 2006                        | Experimental Design and Analysis | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 5</b>               |                                  |               |

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| BEHV 3009                    | Developmental Psychology                 | 10         |
| CULT 3018                    | Perspectives in Criminology              | 10         |
| CULT 3013                    | Gender, Crime and Violence               | 10         |
| Select one of the following: |  | 10         |
| HUMN 2070                    | First Peoples and Criminal Justice       |            |
| CULT 3025                    | Prisons, Punishment and Criminal Justice |            |
| <b>Trimester 6</b>           |  |            |
| BEHV 3004                    | Advanced Research Methods                | 10         |
| BEHV 3023                    | Social Psychology                        | 10         |
| BEHV 3014                    | Motivation and Emotion                   | 10         |
| CULT 3024                    | Crime, Media, Culture                    | 10         |
| <b>Credit Points</b>         |  | <b>120</b> |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b>   |  | <b>240</b> |

## Part-time

| Course                           | Title                                    | Credit Points |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Year 1</b>                    |  |               |
| <b>Trimester 1</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 1016                        | Psychology: Behavioural Science          | 10            |
| CULT 1005                        | Crime, Deviance and Society              | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 2</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 1018                        | Psychology: Human Behaviour              | 10            |
| CULT 1024                        | Introduction to Criminal Justice         | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 3</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 1003                        | Introduction to Research Methods         | 10            |
| One Psychology alternate subject |  | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>             |  | <b>60</b>     |
| <b>Year 2</b>                    |  |               |
| <b>Trimester 4</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 2002                        | Brain and Behaviour                      | 10            |
| BEHV 2010                        | Perception                               | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 5</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 2018                        | Personality                              | 10            |
| One Psychology alternate subject |  | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 6</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 2005                        | Human Learning                           | 10            |
| MATH 2006                        | Experimental Design and Analysis         | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>             |  | <b>60</b>     |
| <b>Year 3</b>                    |  |               |
| <b>Trimester 7</b>               |  |               |
| CULT 2018                        | Crime Prevention and Drugs               | 10            |
| BEHV 3007                        | Cognitive Processes                      | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 8</b>               |  |               |
| CULT 2017                        | Youth Justice and Practice               | 10            |
| BEHV 3002                        | Abnormal Psychology                      | 10            |
| <b>Trimester 9</b>               |  |               |
| BEHV 3009                        | Developmental Psychology                 | 10            |
| Select one of the following:     |  | 10            |
| HUMN 2070                        | First Peoples and Criminal Justice       |               |
| CULT 3025                        | Prisons, Punishment and Criminal Justice |               |
| <b>Credit Points</b>             |  | <b>60</b>     |
| <b>Year 4</b>                    |  |               |
| <b>Trimester 10</b>              |  |               |
| BEHV 3004                        | Advanced Research Methods                | 10            |
| BEHV 3014                        | Motivation and Emotion                   | 10            |

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| <b>Trimester 11</b>        |                             |            |
| CULT 3018                  | Perspectives in Criminology | 10         |
| CULT 3013                  | Gender, Crime and Violence  | 10         |
| <b>Trimester 12</b>        |                             |            |
| CULT 3024                  | Crime, Media, Culture       | 10         |
| BEHV 3023                  | Social Psychology           | 10         |
| <b>Credit Points</b>       |                             | <b>60</b>  |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b> |                             | <b>240</b> |

## Equivalent Subject

The subject listed below counts towards completion of the program for students who may have passed the subject in 2022 or earlier.

CULT 2019 First Peoples and Criminal Justice, replaced by HUMN 2070 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn2070/>) First Peoples and Criminal Justice