

# Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies (GDPS) - GradDipPsychSt

CRICOS code (International applicants): 030311C

The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies will be discontinued from Semester 2, 2014. Last intake for this program will be Semester 1, 2014. Students who are interested in this study area should [contact us](#).

	<b>On-campus#</b>	<b>Distance education</b>
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
<b>Campus:</b>	Toowoomba	-
	Domestic full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place

## Admission requirements

To be admitted to the Graduate Diploma, applicants must:

- hold a conferred Bachelors (or higher level) degree (in any discipline)
- have completed the pre-requisite courses listed below (or their equivalent elsewhere) within the last five years prior to commencing the program. These courses must be from an APAC accredited sequence of psychology study.

Course	Semester Offered
<a href="#">PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A</a>	S1, S3
<a href="#">PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B</a>	S1, S2
<a href="#">PSY1030 Cross-Cultural and Indigenous Psychology</a>	S2, S3

Candidates who have not successfully completed the three pre-requisite courses can complete them by : **either**

- Studying those pre-requisite courses they do not have, as single courses through USQ's [Continuing and Professional Education](#). (Application is made directly to USQ's [Continuing and Professional Education](#) section. Fees apply.)

**or**

- Applying for admission to the [Bachelor of Science \(Psychology\)](#) through [QTAC](#) to complete the pre-requisites, and then apply to transfer to the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies, using a Direct Entry application form, once all pre-requisites have been met.

Once the pre-requisite courses are completed, students may opt to enrol in this Graduate Diploma, or may wish to continue in the Bachelor of Science (Psychology).

**Either of these degrees (Bachelor of Science (Psychology) or Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies) completed at an appropriate level, will enable students to apply for entry to the Honours program).**

Psychology Honours Program questions can be answered at [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Notes:** The pre-requisite units do not count towards the unit load of the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies.

The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies will be discontinued from Semester 2 2014. The last intake of students into the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies will be Semester 1 2014. This means that prospective students must have completed all the pre-requisite courses prior to Semester 1 2014 to be eligible for entry into the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies. Students considering the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies study pathway should contact Sciences Student Support via [Ask USQ](#) for further information about entry into the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies as soon as possible.

### International Applicants

International applicants must have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#) .

## How to apply

### Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

### International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

### International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

## Program structure

The Graduate Diploma consists of seven *compulsory* courses and one elective course. Students are required to have completed the necessary course pre-requisites prior to enrolling in the below GDPS courses.

### Compulsory Courses

Course	Semester Offered
<a href="#">PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion</a>	1
<a href="#">PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A</a>	1
<a href="#">PSY2030 Developmental Psychology</a>	2
<a href="#">PSY2040 Human Information Processing</a>	2
<a href="#">PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour</a>	1
<a href="#">PSY3030 Abnormal Psychology</a>	1
<a href="#">PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B</a>	2

**Elective Courses: Choose ONE of the following courses based on the following recommendations.**

Course	Semester Offered
For students who do <b>NOT</b> have a counselling background	
<a href="#">PSY3050 Counselling Psychology</a>	2
For students who <b>DO</b> have a counselling background	
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## **Exemptions**

Exemptions can be granted for courses in the program where a student has already completed one of the compulsory courses or its equivalent. Section 3.5 of the [Enrolment Policy](#) allows for exemptions for up to half of the courses in the GDPS (that is, up to four of the eight courses). However, exemptions will only be awarded for similar courses completed within the last three years and the time permitted for completion of the GDPS may also be reduced once exemptions are awarded. Students should contact the Program Coordinator to discuss their proposed enrolment when exemptions may be possible. The maximum time permitted for completion of the GDPS is 2 years from when fi