Graduate Diploma of Psychological Studies (GDPS) - GradDipPsychSt

CRICOS code (International applicants): 030311C

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who
are interested in this area of study should contact us.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements.

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

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. Students 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. Students 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
PSY2020 Motivation and Emotion	1
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	1
PSY2030 Developmental Psychology	2
PSY2040 Human Information Processing	2
PSY3010 Assessment of Behaviour	1
PSY3030 Abnormal Psychology	1
PSY3111 Research Methods in Psychology B	2

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

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ minimum computing standards to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

Credit

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 Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences to discuss their proposed enrolment when exemptions may be possible. The maximum time permitted for completion of the GDPS is 2 years from when first enrolled. Students wishing to apply for exemptions are encouraged to discuss this course of action with the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences prior to applying for exemptions as exemptions may impact upon students' GPA.

For PSY course exemptions – Psychology courses taken at another university or institution will only be considered for psychology exemptions if the courses were part of an APAC (Australian Psychology Accreditation Council) accredited sequence. APAC regulations clearly state that only courses taken within an APAC sequence can be used for exemptions from any PSY courses.

Other information

All students, particularly those studying in the external mode, are required to have access to the Internet. It is expected that all students will access throughout the semester the electronic discussion group for their courses (via USQConnect). All official course communications will appear on the course discussion group.

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any of