

3.15.2 BAHons (Psychology)

Programme Code

18414 – 778(120)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree with a major in Psychology.
- An average final mark of at least 65% for the Psychology major in the third year as well as an average of 65% for Psychology over all three years of study. A higher performance cut-off may be set in a given year, depending on the number and the achievement level of applicants.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **31 August** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **31 July** of the preceding year.

Admission to the programme is dependent upon selection based on academic achievement, and takes place in November of the previous year. Details on selection is available at www.sun.ac.za/psychology.

Programme Structure

The programme is presented in English.

The programme focuses on advanced knowledge of human behaviour, intrapsychic as well as interpersonal, normal as well as abnormal, individually as well as in group contexts. It also encompasses the application of such knowledge in the multi-cultural South African society, particularly with regard to the understanding of specific psychosocial problems and the development of intervention and preventative strategies. In addition, the programme also focuses on the development of critical-analytical and problem-solving thinking skills, as well as social-scientific research knowledge and skills.

Please note that the Honours programme at Stellenbosch University is an academic programme. It is not designed to meet the requirements for the Professional Board for Psychology for registration as a psychological counsellor or as a psychometrist, and does not serve as an entrance qualification for internships in these areas. Professional training in this Department is offered only at Master's level.

Based on the credit values of modules (indicated in brackets after each module) a selection of modules is made to a minimum of 120 credits for the programme.

Duration of Programme

The Honours programme in Psychology is a one-year full-time programme. Lectures begin in the first week of February and is divided according to the undergraduate academic terms.

Programme Content

Depending on staff availability, certain modules may not be offered every year. For certain modules a restriction may be placed on the number of students. If the demand for a specific module is too small in any given year, that module may not be offered in that year.

Compulsory Modules

10042 : Research Methodology (Psychology)	771(25)
10206 : Research Assignment (Psychology)	772(30)

plus

Elective Modules

Choose **five** of the following modules.

10207 : Psychotherapy	711(13)
10208 : Psychopathology	742(13)
10209 : Psychometry	741(13)

10210 : Vocational Psychology	712(13)
10211 : Family Psychology	715(13)
10212 : Community Psychology	714(13)
10213 : Child Psychology	716(13)
10214 : Cognitive Psychology	743(13)
10216 : Psychological Development of Women	744(13)
11558 : Interpersonal Relationships	711(13)
18996 : Social Psychology	745(13)
10218 : Alcohol Abuse in the South African Context	746(13)
42935 : Sport Psychology	711(13)
11854 : Contemporary Issues in Psychology	711(13)
11853 : Applied Community Psychology	754(13)
11855 : Psychology Health and Disability	741(13)
12191 : Brain and Behaviour	711(13)

Assessment and Examination

Assessment is done per module as explained in the framework of each individual module.

Enquiries

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Postgraduate Programmes

For more information on the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences' postgraduate programmes, consult the University's Postgraduate Prospectus or the various departmental websites.

1. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Special admission to the postgraduate programmes in the Faculty is available to you if you:

- were denied opportunities to formal learning environments earlier because of systemic or other limitations, but you can demonstrate that you can now participate at a particular level in such learning opportunities; or
- can receive retrospective recognition for them.

If you do not have a Bachelor's degree, you must follow the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) procedure for admission to a postgraduate diploma, Honours, MPhil or MA programme. Not all departments have the possibility of admission by means of the RPL procedure. A Bachelor's degree awarded by a university of technology or a private provider of higher education will be recognised only if your degree is registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the same level as the required university qualification.

Please note: It remains the responsibility of a Department to establish if your existing qualification is up to standard.

More details of the Faculty's RPL procedure are available from the Faculty Administrator, Arts and Social Sciences, in the Admin A building.

2. General provisions for postgraduate programmes

2.1 Postgraduate diploma

- a) You follow a prescribed course for at least one year after obtaining an appropriate Bachelor's degree.
- b) The following postgraduate diplomas are only offered on a part-time basis over a residential period of two years:
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Knowledge and Information Systems Management
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Public Mental Health
- c) Admission requirements are determined according to your specific programme.
- d) Consult the rest of this chapter for more information on the admission requirements and programme contents of the specific postgraduate diploma you wish to follow.
- e) Consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the University's Yearbook for basic regulations.

2.2 Honours degree programme

- a) You follow a prescribed course for at least one year after obtaining an appropriate Bachelor's degree.
- b) You must follow the Honours degree programme in one of the major subjects of your Bachelor's degree.
- c) You will be admitted to the Honours degree programme if you –
 - have a Bachelor's degree that has been approved by Senate for this purpose;
 - have passed the subject at third-year/fourth-year level in which you want to take the Honours discipline; and
 - have achieved a final mark of at least 60% or more in the major.
- d) Consult the rest of this chapter for more information on the admission requirements and programme contents of the specific Honours degree programme you wish to follow.
- e) Consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the University's Yearbook for basic regulations.

2.3 MA degree programme

- a) You can be considered for admission to the MA degree if you –
 - have an appropriate Honours degree approved by Senate for this purpose;**OR**
 - have an appropriate postgraduate diploma approved by Senate for this purpose;**OR**
 - have achieved a standard of proficiency in your specific field of study in another manner that Senate considers as adequate for this purpose and, upon written application, were admitted by the Executive Committee to the Master's programme concerned.
- b) As a MA student you follow an approved curriculum of research and/or advanced study of at least one year (after obtaining an appropriate Honours degree or postgraduate diploma) at this University or another institution approved by Senate.
- c) You must follow the MA degree programme in the same field as the postgraduate diploma or Honours degree.
- d) Consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the University's Yearbook for basic regulations.

2.4 MPhil degree programme

- a) You can be considered for admission to the MPhil degree if you –
 - have an appropriate postgraduate diploma or Honours degree approved by Senate for this purpose;**OR**
 - have achieved a standard of proficiency in your specific field of study in another manner that Senate considers as adequate for this purpose and, upon written application, were admitted by the Executive Committee to the MPhil programme concerned.
- b) As MPhil student you follow an approved curriculum of research and/or advanced study of at least one year (after obtaining an appropriate Honours degree or postgraduate diploma) at this University or another institution approved by Senate.
- c) Admission requirements for the MPhil degree are determined according to the specific programme.
- d) Consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the University's Yearbook for basic regulations.

2.5 PhD degree programme

- a) You must, after consulting the departmental chairperson concerned, apply in writing for admission to doctoral study. In your written application you must mention the proposed title of the dissertation and the supervisor.
- b) You can obtain the guidelines for a doctoral research proposal or registration without an approved research proposal from the Faculty Administrator.
- c) Consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the University's Yearbook for basic regulations.

2.6 DPhil degree programme

- a) The DPhil degree (an advanced doctorate) can be awarded to you if –
 - you have been registered at the University for at least one year, after obtaining the PhD degree in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the University, or some other degree or qualification that Senate considers of adequate standard; and
 - a period of at least five years has elapsed since obtaining the PhD degree, or comparable qualification and the conferment of the DPhil degree.
- b) Enquiries regarding the DPhil degree can be addressed to the Faculty Administrator.

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