



*Pathways  
to  
Medicine*

**From Bachelor of Psychological  
Science (Honours)**

If you have enrolled into B. Psychological Science (Honours) and are interested in the field of Psychiatry, you are not alone. Many psychology students are still not sure if they would like to dive into the field of psychology or psychiatry, and would like to use their undergraduate degree to make this decision. With careful planning, it is possible to complete the pre-requisite courses that are required to be enrolled in the MD program, giving you the option to apply to either postgraduate degrees of psychology or medicine.

## FROM 2022,

all graduate entry applicants need to have successfully completed the two subject pre-requisites when enrolling into the MD Program as medical students. These two courses can be completed using four units of electives from any schools.

**BIOM2011**  
Integrative Cell &  
Tissue Biology

**BIOM2012**  
Systems Physiology

These two courses, however, also have pre-requisites that you would need to complete before enrolling in them.

**BIOL1040**

Cells to  
Organisms

**BIOL1020\***

Genes, Cells &  
Evolution

**BIOM2011**

**BIOM2012**

\* Recommended not required  
Strongly recommended for students without biology background

# STUDY PLAN

for the first three years of your undergraduate degree

## LEVEL 1 COURSES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	OFFERED
NEUR1020	The Brain and Behavioural Sciences	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC1030	Introduction to Psychology: Developmental, Social & Clinical Psychology	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC1040	Psychological Research Methodology I	2	Semester 1 & 2
COMU1030	The Psychology of Communication	2	Semester 2
<b>BIOL1040</b>	<b>Cells to Organism</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>

+ four units from other schools.

## LEVEL 2 COURSES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	OFFERED
NEUR2020	Neuroscience for Psychologists	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC2010	Psychological Research Methodology II	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC2030	Developmental Psychology	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC2040	Social & Organisational Psychology	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC2050	Learning & Cognition	2	Semester 1 & 2
PSYC2063	Psychological Approaches to Complex Problems	2	Semester 2
<b>BIOM2011</b>	<b>Integrative Cell &amp; Tissue Biology</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>
<b>BIOM2012</b>	<b>Systems Physiology</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>

+ two units from the course list.

## LEVEL 3 COURSES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	OFFERED
PSYC3010	Psychological Research Methodology III	2	Semester 1
PSYC3020	Measurements in Psychology	2	Semester 2
PSYC3034	Topics in Applied Psychology	2	Semester 1
PSYC3042	Psychological Research: Interpretation & Evaluation	2	Semester 2
PSYC3102	Psychopathology	2	Semester 1

+ six units from the course list.



# STUDY PLAN EXAMPLE

Due to the limitations of the course availability, the three pre-requisite courses for the MD program would have to be done across three semesters. While it is possible to enroll in level two courses in your first year and level three in your second year to ensure that you complete all required courses within the first three years based on their semester availability, do also make sure that you meet the pre-requisites of those courses beforehand (e.g., completing PSYC1040 before PSYC2010).

Below is an example of how the first three years of your psychology degree may look like, and changes will definitely be made depending on the electives you choose.

## *Year 1 Semester 1*

NEUR1020 (C)  
PSYC1030 (C)  
PSYC1040 (C)  
BIOL1020\* (O)

## *Year 1 Semester 2*

COMU1030 (C)  
PSYC2030 (C)  
**BIOL1040 (PR)**  
HLTH1000\* (O)

## *Year 2 Semester 2*

PSYC2040 (C)  
PSYC2050 (C)  
PSYC3020 (C)  
**BIOM2012 (PR)**

## *Year 2 Semester 1*

NEUR2020 (C)  
PSYC2010 (C)  
PSYC2361\* (E)  
**BIOM2011 (PR)**

## *Year 3 Semester 1*

PSYC3010 (C)  
PSYC3034 (C)  
PSYC3102 (C)  
PSYC3312\* (E)

## *Year 3 Semester 2*

PSYC2063 (C)  
PSYC3042 (C)  
ANAT3022\* (E)  
NEUR3302\* (E)

### **LEGEND:**

C = core courses

E = electives

PR = pre-requisite courses

O = other school electives

\* possible electives

# TIPS

## LEVEL 3 PSYCH ELECTIVES

While Anatomy (ANAT3022) and Neuroscience (NEUR3302) are great courses to prepare you for the MD program, it is also encouraged for you to explore the different psychology electives. Psychotherapies and Counselling (PSYC3082) is a great course if you are interested in clinical psychology, and The Neuroscience of Social Behaviour (NEUR3272) is a fantastic blend of both neuroscience and social psychology.

## GAMSAT

There are student groups on campus that host GAMSAT tutorial/ study sessions that you can join to prepare yourself for it. The official GAMSAT test runs twice a year, and if you are sure Medicine is the path you would like to take, you can start studying and taking the GAMSAT in your Honours year to be able to apply for the MD program upon graduation.

As it is possible to take the official test more than once, if you are concerned about not getting a good enough score, you can take both exams in the final year and choose the best score for application into med. Do note that the earliest test you can take is during your third year, as the the maximum timeframe between taking the test and applying for the MD program is two years.

<https://future-students.uq.edu.au/admissions/doctor-medicine/review-entry-requirements>



## ADDITIONAL HELP

If you require additional support, contact the School of Psychology administration team at [py-undergrad@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:py-undergrad@psy.uq.edu.au).



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