

What can I do with a Degree in Life and Social Science?



- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology/ Psychophysiology) (NO515PPS)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (N052)
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology/ Psychophysiology) (Z0416PPS)
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Z0466)
- Bachelor of Science (Psychophysiology) (Honours) (Z0466)

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For entry and admission requirements for the above courses, go to the Swinburne website www.swinburne.edu.au/courses

What can I do with this degree?

The Bachelor of Science (Psychology/Psychophysiology) is unique to Swinburne and offers students an undergraduate degree with majors in psychology and associated physiological processes, particularly neurological and cognitive processes. The psychology major provides a broad introduction to a range of relevant studies, with more specialised work in developmental psychology, cognition, social psychology, personality, design and measurement, psychological measurement and abnormal psychology.

The psychophysiology major emphasises an understanding of physiological processes relevant to the study of psychology. Areas of study include physiological responses to stress, neuropsychological processes in sleep, dreaming, memory and cognition, and brain disorders. Psychophysiology also looks at the use of computers and instrumentation relevant to cognition and behaviour.

This course equips graduates for careers in community health services, as well as clinics and institutions involved in the assessment and management of neurological and psychophysiological problems. It also equips graduates for careers in neurophysiological areas of hospitals and in research areas of universities and research institutes within the private and public sectors, community health services, clinics, and institutions, sports psychology, ergonomics, psychophysiology, and clinical psychology.

Common job titles include:

- Academic
- Counsellor
- Lecturer
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Sleep Scientist
- Research Assistant/Officer
- Laboratory Technician
- Health Promotion Officer
- Project Officer/Manager

With Further Study

After completing a Bachelor degree with a major in psychology, graduates can undertake a fourth year in psychology and further study in areas of professional psychology including:

Clinical Neuropsychologist - specialises in the assessment and diagnosis of brain impairment and how this affects thinking skills, emotions, behaviour and personality. They are also involved in the rehabilitation and management of the effects of brain impairment and often work with other health professionals.

Health Psychologist - is concerned with illness prevention and health promotion. They have knowledge of and assessment and intervention skills in the biological, psychological and social factors that determine health and illness. They apply models of behavioural health in order to promote positive change and well-being.

Sport Psychologist - provides psychological assistance to people involved in sport and exercise at all levels, who are seeking to enhance their achievement, enjoyment and social interaction. Sports psychology services focus on performance enhancement, personal development, and well-being and adjustment skills.

Clinical Psychologist - A clinical psychologist is trained in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and psychological problems.

Counselling Psychologist - A counselling psychologist provides assessment, counselling and therapy to individuals, couples, families, groups and organisations. Their clients are, in general, people trying to cope with everyday stresses and the resulting emotional and social problems.

Educational and Developmental Psychologist - provides assessment, intervention and counselling services relevant to the management of developmental and educational issues across the life span. Specialisations include: life span transitions, early intervention, disability, problems of learning and adjustment in schools, career and family development and ageing.

Forensic Psychologist - applies psychological knowledge, theory and skills to the understanding and functioning of the legal and criminal justice system. They provide expert opinion to the courts in such matters as criminal behaviour, child abuse, and family court cases.

Organisational Psychologist - seeks to understand the complex interrelationships that occur within the work context in order to improve organisational effectiveness and individual wellbeing. They apply psychological principles and methods to understand and influence work behaviour, worker attitudes, organisational structures and organisational systems.

Examples of where you may find employment:

- Hospitals and community health centres
- Prisons
- Heavy industry, including mining and transport
- Universities
- Management and consulting firms
- Professional sporting clubs
- Market research firms
- Private practice

What industry sectors do psychology graduates work in?

Private	45.7%
Other	18.1%
Government	16.7%
Education	9.2%
Health	10.2%

Source: <http://svc095.wic026v.server-web.com/gradsonline/>

The skills and attributes required by Bachelor of Science (Psychology/Psychophysiology) graduates

A graduate of the Bachelor of Science (Psychology/Psychophysiology) should have:

- Mastery of a wide spectrum of basic principles underlying psychology and psychophysiology
- Knowledge of anatomy and the physiological processes relevant to psychology
- Mastery of the application of psychological and physiological principles and theories for the interpretation and study of human behavioural and physiological processes
- Understanding of psychological and physiological evaluation and monitoring
- Excellent research and analytical skills associated with high quality physiological and psychological research
- Thorough understanding of the appropriate technology, instrumentation and techniques relevant to cognition and behaviour
- Competence in the application of appropriate monitoring technology in the psychological or clinical environment

Swinburne Graduate Attributes

- Capable in their chosen professional, vocational or study areas
- Entrepreneurial in contributing to innovation and development within their business, workplace or community
- Effective and ethical in work and community situations
- Adaptable and able to manage change
- Aware of local and international environments in which they will be contributing (eg socio-cultural, economic, natural)

What do Psychology graduates do after finishing their courses?

Working 88.2%
 Searching 21.1%
 Studying 41.8%

Source: <http://svc095.wic026v.server-web.com/gradsonline/>

Please note: These figures include combinations of activities i.e. graduates who are searching for employment while also undertaking postgraduate studies.

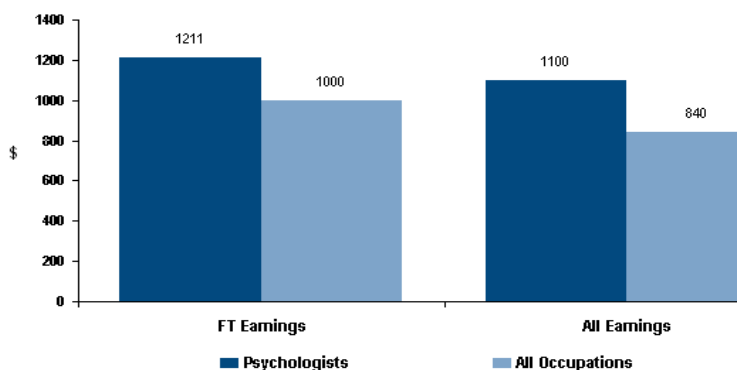
Job Prospects for Bachelor of Science (Psychology & Psychophysiology) Graduates will depend on the majors that they have completed. For specific information regarding employment prospects for alternate roles within this occupational field please see <http://jobsearch.gov.au/Careers>

Job Prospects for Psychology Graduates

- Job prospects for Psychologists are good.
- Employment for Psychologists to 2014-15 is expected to grow strongly. Employment in this medium sized occupation (20 600 in November 2009) rose very strongly in the past five years, and in the long-term (ten years).

Source: Australian Government job search <http://jobsearch.gov.au/Careers>

Psychologists Weekly Earnings (full time and before tax)



The graph shows weekly earnings - for full-time work and before tax - for workers of all ages for this occupation, compared with all occupations. These figures cannot be used in determining a particular wage rate or as an indication of what a particular person will earn in that job.

Source: ABS EEBTUM survey August 2009 cat. no. 6310.0.

Source: Australian Government job search <http://jobsearch.gov.au/Careers>

Examples of employers who employed Swinburne Psychology/Psychophysiology graduates in 2010

Discovering & Creating Solutions 03) 9523 6329 (Qeeg Technician)	Melbourne Children's Sleep Unit www.rch.org.au/sleep/index.cfm?doc_id=5039 (Paediatric Sleep Technologist)	Parenting Research Centre www.parentingrc.org.au/vp/ (Research Assistant/ Project Officer)
Eastern Respiratory Service www.respiratoryservice.com.au (Respiratory Scientist)	Melbourne Health www.mh.org.au/ (Sleep Scientist)	Personal Helpers & Mentors Program (PHaMS) www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/mentalhealth/progser/v/PersonalHelpersMentorsProgram/Pages/default.aspx (Support Worker)
Intervention Services for Autism & Developmental Delay www.isadd.org	Melbourne University www.unimelb.edu.au/ (Booking Officer/ Research Assistant)	Pulse Pharmacy www.pulsepharmacy.com.au/ (Pharmacy Assistant)

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(Aba Therapist)

Melba Support Services
www.melbasupport.com.au
(Carer)

Mental Illness Fellowship
www.mifellowship.org/
(Home Based Outreach Worker)

St Vincents
www.svhm.org.au
Cardiac Technologist

Examples of employers who have recently employed Swinburne Psychology/Psychophysiology graduates

Ashcare Incorporated
www.ashcare.org.au

Down Syndrome Association of
Victoria
www.dsav.asn.au

Nadrasca
www.nadrasca.com.au

Austin Hospital
www.austin.org.au

Epworth Hospital
www.epworth.org.au

Orchard Care Homes
www.orchardcarehomes.com

Australian Institute of Family Services
www.aifs.gov.au

Gyonggi Provincial Office of Education
www.eslhq.com

Opic Group
www.opic.com.au

Australian Institute of Forensic Psychology
www.aiofp.com.au

Hudson Global Resources
au.hudson.com

South Geelong Primary School
www.gsps.vic.edu.au

Campbell Researching Consulting
www.campbellresearch.com.au

Medic On Call
www.mediconcall.com.au

Synergy Medical Pty Ltd
www.comcare.gov.au

Cancer Council Victoria
www.cancervic.org.au

Melbourne Health
www.mh.org.au

Transport Accident Commission
www.tac.vic.gov.au

Child Support Agency
www.csa.gov.au

Mental Illness Fellowship
www.mifellowship.org

Vaucluse Hospital
www.vauclusehospital.com.au

City Life Church
www.citylifechurch.com

Mitcham Hospital
www.ramsayhealth.com.au/mp

Wresacare
www.wresacare.org.au

Potential Employers

Careers & Employment have put together a list of potential employers
www.swinburne.edu.au/corporate/careers/employers_by_occupation.html

You can also refer to Graduate Career Australia's publication Graduate Opportunities
www.graduateopportunities.com/

Psychology/Psychophysiology Job Search Websites

- www.aapb.org
- www.aushealthcare.com.au
- www.alexanderleigh.com
- www.counsellorjobs.com.au
- www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers
- www.hacjobs.com.au
- www.justhealthjobs.com.au
- www.easternhealth.org.au
- www.infoxchange.net.au
- www.psychxchange.com.au
- www.southernhealth.org.au
- www.westernhealth.org.au

Specialist Recruitment Agencies

Swinburne Careers and Employment Recruitment Service
www.swinburne.edu.au/careers

- Beresford Blake Thomas Limited www.bbtglobal.com.au
- Hahn Pharmaceutical & Healthcare Recruitment www.hahnhealthcare.com.au
- Sheelagh McKenzie Recruitment www.sheelaghmckenzie.com

Additional general employment sites

- www.careerone.com.au
- www.graduateopportunities.com
- www.jobsearch.com.au
- www.mycareer.com.au
- www.myfuture.edu.au
- www.seek.com.au

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- www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook
- www.unigrad.com.au

Professional Associations

Professional associations may conduct conferences, seminars, presentations and social functions to help members keep abreast of current practices and for networking purposes. For students, these events can be an excellent source of contacts and relevant information. Membership is usually open to students at a reduced rate.

- Australian Psychological Society www.psychology.org.au
- Australian Society for Psychophysiology Inc www.asp.org.au
- Victorian Psychologists Registration Board www.psychreg.vic.gov.au

Postgraduate study options:

A range of postgraduate programs for Psychology students are offered at Swinburne University. Programs are offered as a nested suite, offering students that opportunity to exit at the graduate certificate, graduate diploma or master stage.

Further postgraduate study / supervision is required if students are seeking employment as a registered psychologist.

Graduate Certificate of Social Science in Human Service – Counselling (N0705)

Graduate Diploma of Social Science in Human Service – Counselling (N0805)

Career Opportunities: This program is primarily designed to give people counselling skills to use within the human services industry in which they may already be employed (e.g. health, education, pastoral care, welfare etc).

Graduate Diploma of Social Science (Family Therapy) (N0811)

Career Opportunities: Employment in the areas of counselling, psychotherapy, human resources, management, and child, youth and family support services.

Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology (N0812)

Graduate Diploma of Psychology (N0815)

Graduate Diploma of Science (Clinical Psychology) (N0816)

Master of Psychology in Counselling Psychology (N0904)

Master of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (N0912)

Career Opportunities: Depending on the level of postgraduate study, students may be eligible for registration with the Psychologists Registration Board, or gain employment within the human services, health sciences, youth work, community and welfare sectors.

Professional Doctorate of Psychology (Counselling Psychology) (N008)

Professional Doctorate of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) (N012)

Career Opportunities: Graduates are equipped for careers in counselling or clinical psychology in hospitals, community welfare organisations, research organisations, and private practice.

A full listing of all postgraduate courses offered by Swinburne is available at:

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/postgrad/courses/>

What help does Swinburne Careers and Employment offer?

Career Services

- Daily Resume and Cover Letter Checks
- Daily Interview Practice
- Career Seminars/ Workshops for Students
- Careers in the Curriculum (CIC) – Higher Education Students
- Student Recruitment Service (Final Year Students)
- Career Counselling

Career Resources

- Career Resource Library
- Job Search Handouts
- Interactive Career Planning

SwinEmploy Employment Service

- All job advertisements for graduate placements, casual, vacation, part-time and full-time employment
- Links to employer websites
- Enables students to book online for events such as workshops, employer information sessions and interviews
- Access to Going Global (over 10,000 job vacancies listed across Europe, Asia-Pacific, UK and US. Global key employer directories, work permits & visa regulations, country-specific cultural & interviewing advice & more)

Download Careers and Employment job search handouts from SwinEmploy, including:

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| ➤ Addressing Selection Criteria | ➤ Job Hunting |
| ➤ Assessment Centres | ➤ Networking: What Is It and How Do You Do It? |
| ➤ Cover Letters or Letters of Application | ➤ Online Applications |
| ➤ Curriculum Vitae or Resume | ➤ Psychometric Tests |
| ➤ Employer Expectations of Graduates | ➤ Skills and Attributes |
| ➤ Interviews - How to Plan, Prepare and Perform | ➤ Thinking About Changing Your Course? |
| ➤ Informational Interviewing | ➤ Tips for facing the work environment and your first professional job |

The material in this document has been produced from the Graduate Destinations Survey, Swinburne University and Graduate Careers Council of Australia material, Graduate Opportunities, Australian Job Search, The Job Guide, Professional Associations and Careers and Employment's own research.

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Psychologist/ Rehabilitation Counsellor

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- Great Team and Exciting Organisation
- Attractive Remuneration Package

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We are looking for someone with excellent communication skills, the ability to work autonomously as well as within a team environment and with the ability to use initiative to solve problems and achieve outcomes

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- Emphasis on superior customer service, quality assurance, education and outcomes focus;
- Patient care and health service provision.

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a Nursing qualification, Science or Psychology degree. Experience in sleep and respiratory sciences is not essential as comprehensive training will be provided;
- Experience in customer service;
- Availability to work rotational shifts.

Applicants are required to address the selection criteria as part of their application.

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