Psychology students learn about human behaviour and explore concepts such as perception, emotion, intelligence, motivation, brain functioning, personality and relationships. Psychology students develop a number of skills that are useful in a variety of different job roles, and may not necessarily go on to become a Psychologist, requiring further study beyond a Bachelor degree. These skills include communication and interpersonal skills, the ability to design, conduct and analyse research, as well as critical thinking skills.

Undergraduate Psychology degrees at Murdoch include:

• Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
• Bachelor of Science (Psychology)
• Combined Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science / Bachelor of Science (Psychology)

Psychology undergraduate students are encouraged to consider a fourth year to increase their job opportunities and/or progress onto post-graduate Masters or PhD qualifications.

Fourth year options at Murdoch are available on the Murdoch website.

NOTE: Places are strictly limited for post-graduate Masters and PhD qualifications in Psychology and selection is based on prior academic performance and relevant experience.

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Engage in your career before you graduate

Given Psychology is such a broad field it is important that you seek work experience or volunteer work, engaging with industry to develop your network, confirm your key interest areas as an undergraduate student and increase your employability. This includes connecting with organisations associated with:

• Community Engagement and Support for Minority Groups
• Early Learning Delays and Disability Support
• Market Research
• Mental Health Support
• Substance Abuse
• Suicide Prevention
• Youth Leadership Development, just to name a few

The Murdoch Volunteering Hub is a useful resource for ideas on where to gain relevant volunteer work. Email: volunteering@the-guild.com.au or phone: (08) 9360 6307.

Other ways to increase your employability include:

• Joining and getting involved in the Murdoch Psychology Society (student society) or professional associations in the field to broaden your network.

• Participating in Leadership or Mentoring programs offered by Murdoch or the Guild (e.g. PASS/PAC Leader, Murdoch Student Emerging Leaders (MSEL) program, Murdoch Industry Mentoring (MIM) program).

• Entering student team competitions that focus on evidencing key employability skills such as creative problem solving, presentation and team skills (e.g. the Big Issue, Big Idea inter-university team competition).
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- Career Coaching and Counselling
- Correctional Services
- Disability Support
- Employment Placement and Recruitment
- Family Support and Child Protection
- Human Resources/Training and Development
- Leadership and Management Consultancy
- Marketing and Promotions and;
- Survey Data Analysis
- Teaching/Mental Health Education
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Considering an additional minor can further diversify your career options.

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Steps to registration as a psychologist:

1. Undergraduate psychology sequence
   - Bachelor Degree, Grad Dip Psychology
   - 3 years

2. Fourth year psychology studies
   - Honours/Postgrad Dip
   - 1 year

3. Professional Masters program
   - 2 years

4. Combined MPsych/PhD
   - 3 years

5. Professional Doctorate
   - 2 years

Steps to general registration:

- 4 + 2 Internship
  - 2 years supervised practice

- 5 + 1 Internship
  - 1 year (combined MPsych/PhD + 1 year supervised practice)

- PsyBA registrar program
  - 2 years supervised practice post MPsych
  - 80 hours supervision plus 80 hours PO

- PsyBA registrar program
  - 1.5 years supervised practice post MPsyD
  - 60 hours supervision plus 60 hours PO

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  - 1 year supervised practice post DPsych
  - 40 hours supervision plus 40 hours PO

PsyBA area of practice endorsement in relevant specialty

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