

Suggested Psychology Study Plans for Cohort 2018

These study plans assume you are a Psychology Single Major Honours or Psychology Single Major, although it will also apply to Psychology Second Majors. While you can read any psychology courses as long as you meet the pre-requisites, the logical path is to complete the introductory content and first methods courses before you proceed to the core and second methods courses. After obtaining a broad overview of the major domains and methods of the discipline from the compulsory courses, you can move on to the electives – more specialised content and empirical courses. For honours students, the capstones, as the name implies, should only be done in your final year. The curriculum chart gives an overview of how the undergraduate curriculum flows from first to fourth year.

Majoring in Psychology

- PL1101E and PL2131 should ideally be read in your first year, as shown in Table 1A. However, these courses are always in great demand, but there is no need to panic if you aren't able to read both in your first year. Table 1B shows that even if you can only complete them in your third semester, you can still fulfil the psychology requirements comfortably.
- PL2132 and the five core courses (PL3232/PL3102 - 3236/PL3106) should ideally be read in your second year.
- The lab course and 3000-level electives should only be read in your third year.
- Your final year should be reserved solely for your capstone courses and the other 4000-level electives.
- The above should apply even when you embark on a student exchange programme. You can map all core and elective courses except PL1101E, PL2131, PL2132, and the lab courses.

Table 1A. Complete PL1101E and PL2131 in the first two semesters

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
1	Faculty Core 1	Faculty Core 3
	Faculty Core 2	Faculty Core 4
	General Education 1	General Education 2
	PL1101E* or PL2131	PL1101E* or PL2131
	Unrestricted Elective 1	Unrestricted Elective 2
2	General Education 3	General Education 4
	PL2132 or PL Core 1	PL2132 or PL Core 1
	PL Core 2	PL Core 4
	PL Core 3	PL Core 5
	Unrestricted Elective 3	Unrestricted Elective 4
3	General Education 5	PL Lab/PL3231 or PL3000 Elective 1
	PL Lab/PL3231 or PL3000 Elective 1	PL 3000 Elective 3
	PL3000 Elective 2	Unrestricted Elective 7
	Unrestricted Elective 5	Unrestricted Elective 8
	Unrestricted Elective 6	Unrestricted Elective 9

* fulfills FASS Social Science exposure requirement; Faculty Core 5

Students who are doing the year-long Honours Thesis (HT) will be pre-allocated the HT at the beginning of the semester that they are starting on the HT. Even though the pre-allocation takes place one semester earlier, the HT will still only count for a total of 15 units.

4	PL4000 Capstone 1	PL4000 Capstone 2
	PL4000 Elective 1	PL4000 Elective 4 or Honours Thesis [#]
	PL4000 Elective 2	PL4000 Elective 5 or Honours Thesis [#]
	PL4000 Elective 3	PL4000 Elective 6 or Honours Thesis [#]

Table 1B. Complete PL1101E and PL2131 by your third semester

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
1	Faculty Core 1	Faculty Core 3
	Faculty Core 2	Faculty Core 4
	General Education 1	General Education 2
	Unrestricted Elective 1	PL1101E* or PL2131
	Unrestricted Elective 2	Unrestricted Elective 3
2	General Education 3	General Education 4
	PL1101E* or PL2131	PL2132
	Unrestricted Elective 4	PL Core 1
	Unrestricted Elective 5	PL Core 2
	Unrestricted Elective 6	Unrestricted Elective 7
3	General Education 5	PL Core 3 or PL Lab/PL3231
	PL Core 3 or PL Lab/PL3231	PL Core 4 or PL3000 Elective 1
	PL Core 4 or PL3000 Elective 1	PL Core 5 or PL3000 Elective 2
	PL Core 5 or PL3000 Elective 2	PL3000 Elective 3
	Unrestricted Elective 8	Unrestricted Elective 9
4	PL4000 Capstone 1	PL4000 Capstone 2
	PL4000 Elective 1	PL4000 Elective 4 or Honours Thesis [#]
	PL4000 Elective 2	PL4000 Elective 5 or Honours Thesis [#]
	PL4000 Elective 3	PL4000 Elective 6 or Honours Thesis [#]

Minoring in Psychology

The CourseReg system prioritises majors, so you may have difficulty getting into the core courses. The recommended approach is to read one course per semester, as shown in Table 2A, but if you cannot get in, it is still possible to complete the minor if you read two per semester from your fourth semester onwards, as shown in Table 2B.

Table 2A. Read one course per semester

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
1	PL1101E or PL2131	PL1101E or PL2131
2	PL Core 1	PL Core 2
3	PL Core 3	PL Core 4

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Table 2B. Read two courses per semester from your fourth semester

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
2		PL1101E
		PL2131
3	PL Core 1	PL Core 3
	PL Core 2	PL Core 4

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