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## **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs**

# **Psychology Honours (BA)**

**Location Offered:**

Nanaimo

**Credential:**

Bachelor Degree

**Program Length:**

4 Years

## **The Program**

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. The goal of the program is to cultivate a broad and multidisciplinary perspective on human behaviour spanning levels of analysis from the molecular and cellular to broad external factors, including the social and natural environment, as well as growth in general intellectual skills including communication, numeracy, critical thinking, and learning ability. The program prepares students well for graduate studies in psychology, professional programs in health-related disciplines such as medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, etc., and a wide range of potential careers that benefit from an improved understanding of human behaviour (e.g., human services, counseling, banking, retail, law, business, education, management, etc).

## **Program Outline**

Students must fulfill all the Institutional degree requirements as outlined in the Calendar, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below.

**Year 1:**

A minimum combined 2.33 ("C+") average grade in both of PSYC 111 and PSYC 112.

**Year 2:**

A minimum grade point average of 2.5 and no grade lower than 2.0 ("C") in each of the following: PSYC 204, PSYC 205, PSYC 210.

**Years 3 and 4:**

Honours students need an average GPA of 3.33 ("B+") in all 3rd and 4th year courses taken within the discipline.

Required upper division Psychology courses: PSYC 300A, PSYC 300B, PSYC 400, PSYC 490, and PSYC 491.

Select an additional minimum of twenty one credits of upper division Psychology courses for a total of 36 upper division credits in psychology. Note: At least 3 credits must be taken from each of the following four categories:

1. Biopsychology: PSYC 305, PSYC 315, PSYC 345
2. Cognitive Psychology: PSYC 313, PSYC 318, PSYC 326
3. Clinical and Health: PSYC 327, PSYC 430, PSYC 432
4. Social and Developmental: PSYC 331, PSYC 335, PSYC 336, PSYC 339

## **Completion Requirements**

Honours students need an average GPA of 3.33 (B+) in all 3rd and 4th year courses taken within the psychology discipline in order to graduate from an Honours program. Further, a minimum grade of B- must be obtained in PSYC 490 and PSYC 491 to fulfill requirements for completion of the Honours program in psychology.

## **Admission Requirements**

- Minimum "B+" average on the most recent 30 credits attempted and completed.
- A minimum combined average of a 3.33 ("B+") in the following courses: PSYC 204, PSYC 300A, and PSYC 300B.
- Submission of an application form.

## **Start Date and Application Deadline**

Students must apply on or before March 31 of the year preceding their final year of study.

Acceptance is dependent upon approval of the application by the Psychology Honours Advisor and supervisor during the selection process. Spaces are limited.

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