Psychology

Diploma of Higher Education (Majoring in Psychological Science)
Bachelor of Psychological Science
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)
Graduate Diploma of Psychology
Master of Psychology (Clinical)
Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)
The Singapore campus of James Cook University
Established in 2003

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is fully owned by James Cook University Australia, which is ranked in the top 2%* of universities in the world. James Cook University Australia established its Singapore campus in 2003 as part of its expressed intent of internationalising its activities and offers a suite of university level programs at the Singapore campus covering the areas of Business, Information Technology, Psychology, Education, Accounting, Arts, Aquaculture, Environmental Science, Games Design, Tourism and Hospitality.

James Cook University offers Higher Degree by Research programs# such as Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and pathways to a higher degree.

Additionally, the campus offers courses at the pre-university level, specifically designed to provide pathways for students who are unable to immediately meet university entrance standards.

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is located at Sims Drive. The campus provides students with access to a full range of facilities and services to support their learning. These include lecture and seminar rooms, library and associated study facilities, computer laboratories, financial lab and access to a variety of sporting facilities.

James Cook University Inter-campus Mobility Program
James Cook University provides the opportunity for students to study in Singapore and in Australia and yet still remain as Singapore based students paying their fees in Singapore currency. This is a unique program in Asia because the university operates across both countries. The program is designed to ensure students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university.

EduTrust Star
James Cook University has the highest level of accreditation in Singapore for private education providers. This is known as EduTrust Star and is only awarded to those institutions which can display the highest possible standard in their academic programs, student experience and in the manner in which they operate.

James Cook University is the first organisation with this accreditation.

SQC STAR
James Cook University has also been awarded the Singapore Quality Class STAR (SQC STAR). The SQC STAR recognises SQC organisations that have made further improvement in their business excellence journey.

* The Academic Ranking of World Universities, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2017.
# The Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) program is also available.
Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and mental processes. The role of psychologists has diversified to cater for the needs of the individual as well as for communities, professions and organisations.

Note: International students in Singapore on a Student Pass are not permitted to work. For more information please visit www.ica.gov.sg

James Cook University is EduTrust Certified. The EduTrust certification scheme is administered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). EduTrust requires all students to be covered under a Fee Protection Scheme. In James Cook University, this is provided through an insurance protection scheme. Further, EduTrust also requires that the students must be covered under a medical insurance coverage which has provision for hospitalisation, surgery and treatment costs throughout their course duration. James Cook University will advise in the Standard Student Contract the total amount of insurance payable.

For more details please visit the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) website: www.cpe.gov.sg
Diploma of Higher Education (Majoring in Psychological Science)

Students with Year 12, GCE ‘A’ Level or its equivalent but do not meet direct entry to a degree program are eligible to pursue this qualification.

Students in this course will be given a tailored program within the allocated study period to acquire the necessary skills needed to progress to an undergraduate degree program or for applicants who wish to trial the Psychology undergraduate curriculum before committing to the Bachelor course.

Students enrolled in this major will complete two core subjects of the Diploma of Higher Education, along with six subjects contributing to the first year of the James Cook University and the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited Bachelor of Psychological Science.

The Diploma of Higher Education (Majoring in Psychological Science) will also provide an exit point for early graduates who wish to undertake advanced skills or paraprofessional work in the industry.

Upon completion, students may be given advanced standing/exemptions of 8 subjects into the Bachelor of Psychological Science program.
Study Program

Students are required to complete 8 subjects (24 credit points) as per following:

8 Subjects (24 Credit Points):

- Developing Academic Skills
- Learning in a Digital Environment
- Exploring Psychology: From Brain To Practice
- Exploring Psychology: From Perception To Reality
- Critical Thinking In Psychology: How To Think About Weird Things
- Communicating Psychology: Listening, Translating & Disseminating
- Introduction To Counselling
- Multicultural, Child and Adolescent Counselling

Duration: 8 months full time
16 months part time

Course Structure: 3 trimesters per year

Intake: March, July, November

Total Tuition Fees: S$ 19,688 (International)
S$ 18,832 (Domestic)*

*Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass)

Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (CST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.
Psychologists use scientific methods to study the human mind and assess, diagnose, prevent and treat problems. Psychologists are interested in how people think, feel and behave. They study individuals, groups, organisations and communities and apply this knowledge accordingly.

Studying Psychology will give you a unique set of skills to analyse and understand human behaviour, relationships and mental health.

You will study a core program in Psychology and choose additional psychology electives according to your interests and requirements. You will also study electives from non-psychology subjects.

This program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

Career Opportunities for Psychology Graduates

Demand for registered psychologists continues to grow in schools, public and private hospitals, academic and applied research settings, law courts, prisons, police forces, defence forces, private practice, consulting firms – the list goes on.

Psychology provides excellent training in analytic thinking and scientific research methods that are relevant to a broad range of careers. These include but are not limited to employment in fields such as community services and counselling, business and market research, education, administration, and management. An increasing number of Psychology graduates work as researchers in industry and government agencies.

A minimum six-year sequence of education and supervised training is required to become eligible for registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia. After graduating from this three-year degree you must complete an accredited extra year of study – either the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) or the Graduate Diploma of Psychology – plus two years of supervised practice in the field. Alternatively, you can complete a two-year Master of Psychology (Clinical), which includes one year of supervised practice.
Career Prospects:
Graduates have gained employment in various sectors including but not limited to the following: Schools, Private practice, Hospitals and healthcare services, Drug and alcohol services, Rehabilitation services, Counselling services, Correctional services, and Child safety.

Duration: 24 months full time
48 months part time
Course Structure: 3 trimesters per year
Intake: March, July, November
Total Tuition Fees: S$ 59,064 (International)
S$ 56,496 (Domestic)*

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Study Program

Students are required to complete 24 subjects (72 credit points) based on availability and scheduling.

LEVEL 1

Core Subjects

- Exploring Psychology: From brain to practice
- Exploring Psychology: From perception to reality
- Critical Thinking in Psychology: How to think about weird things
- Communicating Psychology: Listening, Translating and Disseminating

+ 4 subjects from the James Cook University Master Schedule of Subjects*

LEVEL 2

Core Subjects

- Describing and Analysing Behaviour
- Experimental Investigation and Analysis of Behaviour
- Psychological Neuroscience
- Through the Looking Glass: Development across the Lifespan
- Learning Processes, Behaviour and Performance
- Memory and Cognition

LEVEL 3

Core Subject

Psychological Research Methods and Interpretation
Social Psychology in Everyday Life
Mining the Mind: Psychopathology
Psychological Assessment in Action
Personality Psychology: Decoding the Mysteries of Humans

Select 2 specified Psychology level 2 subjects from List 1

Connecting Social, Psychological and Physical Health
The World Around Us: Environmental Psychology
Intersections of Psychology and Law: Forensic Psychology
Intercultural Psychology and Cross Cultural Communication

Select 3 specified Psychology level 3 subjects from List 2

Counselling Principles and Practice for Diverse Environments
Working It: Psychology in the Work Force
Cognitive Neuroscience: The Biology of Mind
Sensing and Interpreting the World: A psychological perspective
Population Clinical Health Promotion and Communication

* Master Schedule of subjects is the list of subjects offered at the Singapore campus of James Cook University which can be studied towards an award of the university.
"I chose to study Psychology because I want to understand human behavior. The better I understand human behavior, the better I can use my degree to help people. Furthermore, James Cook University Psychology programs are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)."
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)

This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

Students complete a research thesis in a chosen area of specialisation. Graduates are eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Graduates of this course who wish to become fully registered as psychologists in Australia must complete in addition to this course two years of supervised practice in the field or an accredited Master degree (e.g. Master of Psychology), which includes one year of supervised practice.

Study Program

Students are required to complete 6 core subjects (24 credit points) based on availability and scheduling.

Core Subjects

- Psychology Thesis Part 1 of 2
- Psychology Thesis Part 2 of 2
- Ethics for research and professional evidence-based practice
- Design and Analysis for Research
- Operationalising the Scientific Practitioner Model
- Psychology: Now and the Future

On successful completion of the Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours, graduates will be able to:

- Integrate a coherent and advanced body of knowledge with depth in major theoretical perspectives and concepts, and philosophical and historical developments, in the core areas of psychology
- Review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge and evidence bases in the core areas of psychology
- Review and reflect on the methods and ethics of scientific investigation as applied to psychology
- Exercise critical thinking and judgment in the design and conduct of scientific investigations to solve psychological questions with intellectual independence
- Apply advanced English language, and technological and numeracy skills to generate, interpret and communicate knowledge, data, arguments and research findings appropriate for a variety of audiences
- Adapt and apply research skills and psychological understanding, including where appropriate knowledge of cultural diversity, to investigate human and animal behaviour in diverse contexts
- Demonstrate responsibility and accountability for one’s own learning and practice and in collaboration with others

Duration: 12 months full time
20 months part time

Course Structure: 3 trimesters per year

Intake: March, July, November

Total Tuition Fees:
- S$ 25,680 (International)
- S$ 24,824 (Domestic)*

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With the passion to meet the needs of the community, and in pursuit to practice professionally as a qualified psychologist, I undertook the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) at James Cook University.

This degree encourages critical and creative thinking to utilise scientific methods to solve problems.

We gain experience in planning, evaluating and implementing research to advance conceptual issues in psychology, and to integrate a broad range of research findings within theoretical concepts. The degree also prepare us to work professionally within ethical guidelines.”
Graduate Diploma of Psychology

The Graduate Diploma of Psychology provides fourth year training in Psychology for students who have completed an accredited 3 year undergraduate psychology program. Upon completion of this program students will be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Graduates of this course who wish to become fully registered as psychologists must complete, in addition to this course, two years of supervised practice in the field or an accredited Master degree (e.g. Master of Psychology), which includes one year of supervised practice.

This program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

Study Program

Students are required to complete 6 core subjects (24 credit points) based on availability and scheduling.

Core Subjects

Group Project part 1 of 2
Group Project part 2 of 2
Ethics for research and professional evidence-based practice
Design and Analysis for Research
Operationalising the Scientific Practitioner Model Psychology: Now and the Future

Duration: 12 months full time
20 months part time

Course Structure: 3 trimesters per year

Intake: March, July, November

Total Tuition Fees:
S$ 21,186 (International)
S$ 20,544 (Domestic)*

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“Here at JCU, a holistic view is taken in equipping graduates in terms of both advanced theoretical and practical knowledge in preparation for professional practice. The supportive and nurturing environment has also been a key factor in facilitating learning as well as imbuing me with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed. I am especially thankful to the passionate lecturers and supervisors for their guidance and more importantly, for being outstanding role models and sources of inspiration in this journey.”

Acacia Lee
Master of Psychology (Clinical)
Master of Psychology (Clinical)

James Cook University’s postgraduate programs in Clinical Psychology are designed to equip graduates with advanced academic and practical training for professional practice.

The postgraduate programs prepare graduates for enriching and fulfilling careers in psychology and provide a pathway for registration as a psychologist in Singapore and Australia.

The program in Singapore is an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited offshore program. You will benefit from training in state-of-the-art facilities.

Disclaimers: Please refer to the Psychology Board of Australia and Australian Psychological Society websites for recent updates on registration as a practicing psychologist in Australia.

Study Program

Students are required to complete 48 credit points:

**Year 1, Semester 1: 12 credit points**
- Psychological Assessment
- Working with Clients
- Adult Psychopathology
- Evaluation and Research

**Year 1, Semester 2: 13 credit points**
- Methods of Intervention 1
- Child and Family Therapy
- Practicum 1
- Research Thesis A

**Year 2, Semester 1: 13 credit points**
- Health and Rehabilitation
- Methods of Intervention 2
- Practicum 2
- Masters Thesis B (Part 1 of 2)

**Year 2, Semester 2: 10 credit points**
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Practicum 3
- Masters Thesis B (Part 2 of 2)

Duration: 2 years full time

4 years part time

Course Structure: 2 semesters per year

Intake: March

Total Tuition Fees: S$63,237 (Domestic)*

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Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

This program is only available for Singapore citizens, Singapore PR or Dependant Pass Holders

The professional programs encompass three main components:

**Academic Coursework**

The coursework modules are usually delivered as 6 full-day workshop format. Students are actively engaged in presentations, role-plays and group discussions.

**Supervised Practica**

There is a total of 1,000 practica hours for the Masters program (students in the Doctoral program will complete an additional 500 hours), which are conducted in our on-campus Psychology Clinic and in external clinical settings.

**The Research Thesis**

The master’s research thesis involves conducting a project focusing on an area of clinical psychology and writing it up as a conventional research dissertation or combination of a literature review and journal article. Students in the doctoral program conduct a project on an area of clinical psychology and write it up as a conventional research dissertation, which is equal to that of a PhD.

Career Prospects:

The career of a professional clinical psychologist is potentially an enriching and rewarding one with many opportunities in both the public and private sectors. Clinical psychologists are also involved in training and development, human resource management, consultancy and research.
Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)

Study Program

Students are required to complete 96 credit points:

**Year 1, Semester 1: 12 credit points**
- Psychological Assessment
- Working with Clients
- Adult Psychopathology
- Situating the Research: Doctoral Candidates

**Year 1, Semester 2: 13 credit points**
- Methods of Intervention 1
- Child and Family Therapy
- Practicum 1
- Planning the research: Doctoral Candidates

**Year 2, Semester 1: 13 credit points**
- Health and Rehabilitation
- Methods of Intervention 2
- Practicum 2
- Professional Development: Doctoral candidates

**Year 2, Semester 2: 13 credit points**
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Practicum 3
- Professional Doctorate Research Thesis (Clinical Psychology)

**Year 3, Semester 1: 12 credit points**
- Psychosocial Elements of Ageing
- Advanced Practicum A
- Professional Doctorate Research Thesis (Clinical Psychology) continues

**Year 3, Semester 2: 9 credit points**
- Advanced Practicum B
- Professional Doctorate Research Thesis (Clinical Psychology) continues

**Year 4, Semester 1: 12 credit points**
- Professional Doctorate Research Thesis (Clinical Psychology) continues

**Year 4, Semester 2: 12 credit points**
- Professional Doctorate Research Thesis (Clinical Psychology) continues

**Duration:** 4 years full time
**8 years part time**

**Course Structure:** 2 semesters per year
**Intake:** March

**Total Tuition Fees:** S$125,404 (Domestic)*

*Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass)

Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST).
Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

This program is only available for Singapore citizens, Singapore PR or Dependant Pass Holders.
“The Psychology program at the Singapore campus of James Cook University offered a range of subjects that span the breadth of human behavior. I was able to appreciate the formation of personality and the human developmental process in one semester, understand experimental research methods as well as the neurological correlates of psychopathology in another and I even found myself commenting on how as a species, we’ve come to affect the planet at large in the Human Behavior and Climate Change module offered in the 4th year.”
Entry Requirements

Diploma of Higher Education (Majoring in Psychological Science)

Entry Requirements
- Year 12, GCE ‘A’ Level qualifications or its equivalent (who do not meet direct entry requirement)

For further information email admissions-singapore@jcu.edu.au

English Requirements
- IELTS 6.0 (no component lower than 6.0); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore ELPP Level 3 with a minimum score of 55%; or
- Students who have successfully completed 2 years of full-time study in English medium may satisfy the English Language Requirement.

Bachelor of Psychological Science

Entry Requirements
- The entry requirements differ from country to country but in general applicants must have satisfactorily completed 12 years of schooling or equivalent.
- Successful completion of the James Cook University Foundation Program will also satisfy the entry requirement.

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English Requirements
- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 (no component lower than 6.0), TOEFL iBT 79 (minimum writing score of 19) and above; or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Students who have successfully completed 2 years of full time study in English medium may satisfy the English language requirement on a case-by-case basis

Advanced Standing
- Advanced standing of up to 8 subjects will be granted upon successful completion of the James Cook University Diploma of Higher Education (Majoring in Psychological Science).
- Students may apply for exemption for previous tertiary study where appropriate in accordance with the Advanced Standing and Articulation policy and associated procedures. Advanced standing will be granted only for studies completed in the 10 years prior to the commencement of this course.
Entry Requirements

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)

Entry Requirements

• Completion of a bachelor degree that includes an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved three-year sequence in Psychology; and
• A minimum of a credit average (GPA 5.0) across Describing and Analysing Behaviour and Experimental Investigation and Analysis of Behaviour, and a minimum of a distinction average (GPA 6.0) across 5 psychology subjects at level 3, including Psychological Research Methods and Interpretation.

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English Requirements

• Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 (no component lower than 6.0), TOEFL iBT 79 (minimum writing score of 19) and above; or
• Satisfactory completion of James Cook University English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
• Students who have successfully completed 2 years of full time study in English medium may satisfy the English language requirement on a case-by-case basis

Graduate Diploma of Psychology

Entry Requirements

• Completion of a bachelor degree that includes an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved three-year sequence in Psychology; and
• A minimum of a credit average in all level 2 and 3 Psychology subjects taken as part of that degree; or
• Other qualifications recognised by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine as equivalent to the above.

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English Requirements

• Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 (no component lower than 6.0), TOEFL iBT 79 (minimum writing score of 19) and above; or
• Satisfactory completion of James Cook University English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
• Students who have successfully completed 2 years of full time study in English medium may satisfy the English language requirement on a case-by-case basis
Master of Psychology (Clinical) & Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)

Entry Requirements
- Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Level 8 Bachelor of Psychology Honours degree with an award level of at least Class IIA or equivalent, including a total of at least one semester of supervised project work, the results of which contributed to the honours award level.
- Applicants must demonstrate their interpersonal skills and suitability for Clinical Psychology in an interview. Clinical experience and knowledge of psychometrics would be an advantage.

Application forms must be submitted together with certified true copies of academic transcripts, two referees’ reports and a résumé.

Minimum English Language Proficiency Requirements:
- IELTS 7.0 (no component lower than 7.0) / TOEFL iBT 100 (minimum writing score of 23) and above; or
- Students who have successfully completed 2 years of full-time study in English medium may satisfy the English language requirement on a case-by-case basis.