

Guidelines for enrolling in a Master/Doctorate of Philosophy



Individuals wishing to enrol in either the Master of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy degrees through the School of Psychology must first be approved by the School, through its Graduate Studies Committee and Chair of School, who may consult with the School. Approved applications are then forwarded to the University's Higher Degrees Committee.

Enrolment applications must demonstrate that the applicant meets the following criteria:

1. A Bachelor with Honours (4 year)*, or *preferably) a Masters degree:

- (a) including a major in psychology (or alternatively, sufficient course work relevant to the research topic), and**
- (b) having achieved at least 2nd-class, first division honours (University of Waikato = 67.5%).**

** Applicants without a Masters degree must have an A- average across their 500-level Psychology papers, and must provide evidence of having completed a major research project (equivalent to at least a one-paper fifth-year directed research project) in which (a) they were the sole researcher, (b) data were collected and analyzed and (c) a grade of at least an A- was awarded for the research project. Attach a copy of the relevant research report/s.*

2. A minimum of two academic supervisors, of which the primary supervisor must:

- (a) be a member of the School of Psychology,**
- (b) hold a doctorate degree, and be on the University's Registry of Approved Supervisors, and**
- (c) have competence in the area of the research.**

3. Satisfactory arrangements for supervision

If you will not be completing your research in the Waikato area, please explain the supervisory arrangements that you and your supervisor have agreed to (e.g., frequency of meetings on campus, e-mail contact).