

PSYCHOLOGY

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY
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PREPARE FOR A CAREER in Psychology by studying at The University of Waikato



Psychology programmes
available at bachelor's,
master's and PhD level



Gain registration to
practice psychology
in New Zealand



Chances of getting a job
as a psychologist are
good due to a shortage of
workers and high demand

Source: careers.govt.nz



Trainee psychologists
usually earn

\$60K-\$64K per year

Psychologists and senior
psychologists usually earn

\$77K-\$136K per year

WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology helps us understand how people work and how to tackle societal problems and issues.

At Waikato, students are welcomed into a community of innovative thinkers. They collaborate with internationally respected psychologists to understand individuals and promote inclusive communities.

In our teaching and research, we ensure Psychology is scientific and accountable, producing world-leading research in a friendly and welcoming environment. We offer a flexible approach to learning to suit your desired focus. Our areas of specialisation are in Clinical Psychology, Behavioural Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Environmental Psychology and Māori and Community Psychology. We also offer a minor in Forensic Psychology.

Our research activities contribute directly to our communities in a variety of ways, including improving Māori (the Indigenous peoples of New Zealand) access to healthcare, improving pregnant mothers' wellbeing, and reducing violence in prisons.

Psychology is one of the most popular university subjects and our graduates go on to a wide range of careers and further study.

CAREERS

- Registered Psychologist
- Community Programme Coordinator
- Human Resource Adviser
- Research Scientist
- Policy Analyst
- Programme Evaluator

SECTORS

- Education
- Health
- Private practice
- Business
- Government



XIAOSHA MENG

Registered Psychologist

Studying abroad as an international student is not easy but very rewarding, and the support from teachers and peers make all the difference. I obtained both a bachelor and a master degree in applied psychology from the University of Waikato. In 2019 I joined BeChange as a behaviour therapist, also achieving my behaviour therapist registration (RBT) in the same year. In order to enrich my knowledge of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) techniques in innovative behavioural intervention, I enrolled in a Postgraduate Diploma in the Practice of Psychology in Applied Behaviour Analysis at Waikato University and achieved my Psychology certificate and BCBA (Board Certified Behaviour Analyst) certificate in 2022. Currently, I am working as a Clinical Supervisor at BeChange where I am responsible for analysing and developing, according to children's needs, a clear and concise plan for behavioural interventions, so as to assist the target audiences, such as school teachers, family members, or other professionals.

PATHWAY TO REGISTRATION – BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

BA/BSc ➤ MAppPsy(BA) ➤ PGDipPracPsych(ABA)

The University of Waikato is one of very few universities in New Zealand and Australia that offers international students a pathway to registration as a psychologist. This pathway to registration is through our Behaviour Analysis Programme.

Registered psychologists who specialise in Behaviour Analysis work in a range of settings, helping individuals with a wide variety of conditions and disabilities. Many behaviour analysts work with individuals who have developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and intellectual disability. Behaviour analysts also work in educational, occupational, health, and other settings to improve mental health, address challenging behaviour, improve safety, and build new skills.

Graduates from this programme are in high demand; salaries for registered psychologists are very competitive.

International students with an undergraduate degree in psychology can apply for entry into the two-year MAppPsy(BA) degree. Following completion of this degree, they can apply for entry into the 1-year PGDipPracPsych(ABA), which involves a supervised internship and additional coursework focusing on professional practice. The final assessment item for this degree is an oral examination; if completed successfully, the intern is eligible for registration as a psychologist.

Application deadline: 1 October



MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY (18-MONTH DEGREE)*

BA/BSc ► MA

This new degree can be completed in 18 months and provides students with a marketable psychology skillset. The programme is focused on work-readiness.

Students can combine psychology courses with courses in other areas of the university to create a specialisation that works with their interests. For example, students can combine psychology with policy, programme evaluation, management, and other subjects.

This degree is well suited for students who would like to quickly gain a master's degree in psychology and pursue opportunities to apply psychology in

a broad range of occupations in New Zealand or elsewhere.

Students with an undergraduate degree in psychology can apply for entry. Students who already have a postgraduate degree in psychology are also welcome to apply.

**We anticipate that this degree will be available for entry in 2024, but it is currently pending approval; please contact us for more information.*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY (12-MONTH DEGREE)

BA/BSc ► PGDip or Hons. ► MSc

This research-only degree is available to applicants who already have the equivalent of an honour's degree or a degree that represents at least one year of postgraduate study in psychology (e.g., a PGDip).

Students in these research-focused programmes will be prepared to apply their research and

critical-thinking skills in a variety of occupations, including governmental organisations in New Zealand. They can also apply to undertake a PhD in Psychology.

Acceptance into the programme is conditional upon supervisor availability.



OTHER PROGRAMMES

We offer a BA or BSc in Psychology for students who have not previously completed a bachelor's degree and a 1-year GradDip(Psych) undergraduate qualification for students who have completed a bachelor's degree in another discipline. Students who have already started a bachelor's degree can apply to transfer their credits and continue their studies in psychology at the University of Waikato.

Applicants who already have a postgraduate degree with a research component and who are interested in research and academic careers can apply to undertake a PhD with us.



LENY THOMAS

Registered Psychologist

I was fortunate to have been trained under Dr Mary Foster who ensured I had a robust psychological understanding and framework to build on my psychologist training. The various internships with different organizations helped me towards the journey of being registered as a Psychologist.

In my current role with the Ministry of Education of New Zealand I am responsible for the management of a team of specialist staff (Psychologist, SLT, OT, Physio, Special Education Advisor, Advisor for Deaf Children etc) in the development, coordination and provision of efficient, effective and equitable services aimed at improving social and educational outcomes both directly and indirectly of children and young people with learning support needs.



For more information or entry requirements scan the qr code or visit

waikato.ac.nz/study/campaigns/psychology

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