

Bachelor of Psychological Science

Elective Stream Options 2024

The Bachelor of Psychological Science has two components: core psychology units and elective units (See Figure 1). All the core psychology units are compulsory. This document is intended to help you select your elective units.

What are electives?

In HY5, an elective is any 15-credit point unit offered by the university. You are required to complete ten elective units: 4 in first year, 2 in second year, and 4 in third year.

You are encouraged to do at least some of your electives as an *elective stream*. An elective stream is a sequence of units within the same discipline. For example, Community and Human Services or Criminal Justice are examples of disciplines that you could choose to do as an elective stream.

This document lists possible elective units organised into streams. This should make it easier for you to select units within a stream. However, you are not limited by the units contained in these lists. Each Institute in the university provides lists of units they offer, and provide Unit Outlines for each, so you can read about them.

You will find these lists on the Federation University website, under each of the Institutes, then in the Student Resources area.

How do I choose electives?

There are plenty of options to choose from for your electives, which is great as it gives you plenty of variety with what you can study, however, all that choice can make choosing difficult.

We'd encourage you to select at least some units in a stream of units from one or two disciplines. This gives you the opportunity to 'value-add' to your degree by having another area or two of specialisation. Think about vocational interests, possible career pathways, or even general interests that you would like to explore and select units in related areas that will enhance your academic transcript.



If you are unsure, you can use your first-year electives to explore a range of different disciplines, and then you may choose to follow a particular stream for your second- and third-year study.

When you look through the lists of streams below, you will notice that the number of units in each sequence varies. Thus, you may not be able to complete all your electives in a particular discipline. If so, you can pick units from a second stream, or individual units from streams, if you satisfy the pre-requisites.

Pre-requisites are units you must have completed before you can complete your chosen unit. Many units, especially intermediate (2000-level) and advanced units (3000-level) have pre-requisites. Thus, if there is a unit you would like to do, you might have to do another unit first.

Additionally, some units also have exclusions. Exclusions are units that prevent you from enrolling into another unit. For example, an exclusion for PSYCB2105 is BEHAV3004. If you have completed or are currently enrolled in PSYCB2105, you are not permitted to enrol into BEHAV3004.

Please note, not all electives are available every year. This is intended as a general guide only, and final units on offer can be viewed through MyStudentCentre.

How do I find out more about each unit?

To find out more about each unit, visit the 'Student Resources' section of each Institutes webpage: https://federation.edu.au/institutes-and-schools. Each Institute's webpage will provide links to 'Unit Outlines' where you can read a description of the unit, find out if it has any prerequisites, and other unit relevant information.

If you still have questions about a unit, please contact the Institute that is responsible for that unit.

Important notes about choosing electives

- The options for electives vary between campuses, although any student can take online units (ODL)
- Units vary in how they are delivered. For example, some are fully online (ODL),
 some are a combination of online and face-to-face components, and a few have
 lectures and lab classes
- It is the students' responsibility to double check pre-requisites and exclusions



- Every effort has been made to ensure the unit details below are correct. On occasion, however, some details may change
- The units in each sequence may vary from year to year

This guide is intended to be *indicative* only. Final elective options and delivery locations will be available when timetables are available in February.

If you have any questions, please contact either the Program Coordinator or Academic Advisor at your home campus:

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Suggested elective streams

Extra Behavioural Studies and Psychology						
Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offered			ı	
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL	
BEHAV2004	Forensic Behavioural Science	Х	Х	Х	Х	
PSYCB3108	Psychology Research: Review	X	Х	Х	Х	
PSYCB3111	Psychology Undergraduate Placement*				Х	
Sem 2						
BEHAV2003	Behaviour in the workplace		Х	Х	Х	
EXSCI2173	Psychology of Sport and Exercise		Х			
BEHAV3003	Health and Behaviour Change				Х	

^{*}Entry to PSYCB3111 is by application only. Entry is determined by a combination of grades, placement availability, and suitability to the unit. Please see Moodle for more information

There are some BEHAV units that HY5 students *cannot* do. They are:

- BEHAV 2002: Abnormal Behaviour
- BEHAV 3004: Counselling Theory and Practice



Example elective structure 1: Extra Behavioural Science and Psychology

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	BEHAV2004 Forensic Behavioural Science	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	PSYCB3108 Psychology Research: Review
	FEAFN1101: Foundations of Knowledge	CHSUG2001 Theories and practices for group work	PSYCB3111 Psychology Undergraduate Placement
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	BEHAV2003 Behaviour in the Workplace	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	CHSUG2004 Models of Case Management
	CHSUG1002 Interpersonal communication for professional practice	CHSUG1003 Theories and Models for Practice	BEHAV3003 Health and Behaviour Change



Community and Human Services						
Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offered				
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL	
BSWUG1001	Introduction to social work, community and human services	Х	Х	Х	Х	
CHSUG2001	Theories and practice for group work	X	Х	Х	Х	
CHSUG2003	Community practice approaches	X	X	X	X	
CHSUG3001	Critical practice approaches	X	X	X	Х	
CHSUG3002	Counselling for individuals and families	X	Х	Х	X	
CHSUG3003	Health and wellbeing in diverse communities	X	X	X	X	
Sem 2						
CHSUG1002	2 Interpersonal communication for professional practice		X	Х	Х	
CHSUG1003	Theories and models for practice	X	Х	X	Х	
CHSUG2004	Models of case management	X	X	X	X	
CHSUG2005	Social policy and social change	X	X	X	X	
BAXDC2004	Applied ethics in contemporary societies	X	X	X	X	



Example Elective Structure 2: Community and Human Services

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	BSWUG1001 Introduction to Social Work, Community and Human Services	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	PSYCB3111 Psychology Undergraduate Placement
	FEAFN1101: Foundations of Knowledge	CHSUG2001 Theories and practices for group work	CHSUG3002 Counselling for Individuals and Families
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	CHSUG1002 Interpersonal communication for professional practice	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	CHSUG2005 Social Policy and Social Change
	CHSUG1003 Theories and Models for Practice	CHSUG2004 Models of Case Management	BEHAV3003 Health and Behaviour Change



Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offere		s offered	
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL
CRJUS1285	Crime to punishment: processes and institutions	X	X	Х	Х
CRJUS1286	Crime in contemporary context	X	X	X	Х
CRJUS2100	Australian criminal courts in international context	X	X	X	Х
CRJUS2474	Policing in practice		X	X	X
CRJUS3202	Young people: risk to corrections	X	X	X	X
Sem 2					
CRJUS1287	Explanations of crime	Х	Х	Х	Х
CRJUS2475	Crime prevention, reduction and control	X	X	X	Х
CRJUS2300	Punishment, penalty and rehabilitation	X	X	X	Х
CRJUS2472	Locating crime in urban, regional and rural contexts	X	X	Х	X
CRJUS3303	Justice responses to difference	X	X	X	X
CRJUS3478	Victims in the criminal justice system	X	X	X	Х



Example elective structure 3: Criminal Justice

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	BEHAV2004 Forensic Behavioural Science	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	PSYCB3111 Psychology Undergraduate Placement
	CRJUS1285 Crime to Punishment: Processes and Institutions	CRJUS 2474 Policing in Practice	CRJUS2100 Australian Criminal Courts in International Context
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	CRJUS1287 Explanations of Crime	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	CRJUS3478 Victims in the Criminal Justice System
	CRJUS2475 Crime Prevention, Reduction and Control	CRJUS 2300 Punishment, Penalty and Rehabilitation	CRJUS3303 Justice Responses to Difference



Unit Code	Unit Name		Locations offered			
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL	
SCBIO1001	Principles of biology	Х	Х	Х	Х	
SCCOR1200	Scientific communication	X	X	X	Х	
SCBCH1001	Introduction to nutrition	X	X	X	Х	
SCMED2010	Pathophysiology 1	X	X	X	Х	
SCMIC2001	General microbiology	X	X	X	Х	
SCMOL3001	Molecular cell biology	X	X	X	Х	
SCMOL3020	Immunology	X	X	X	Х	
SCCOR3002	Scientific communication project	X	X	X	X	
Sem 2						
SCBIO1020	Systems biology	X	X	X	Х	
SCCOR1300	Scientific practice	X	X	X	Х	
SCMED2011	Pathophysiology 2	X	X	X	Х	
SCBCH2002	Nutrition and metabolism	X	X	X	X	
SCMOL2010	Mammalian genetics	X	X	X	X	
SCMED3034	Histopathology and haematology		X	X	X	
SCCOR3002	Scientific communication project	X	X	X	X	



Example structure 4: Biological and Nutrition Sciences

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	SCBIO1001 Principles of Biology	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	SCBCH1001 Introduction to Nutrition
	SCCOR1200 Scientific Communication	SCMED2010 Pathophysiology 1	SCMOL3020 Immunology
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	SCBIO1020 Systems Biology	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	SCMOL2010 Mammalian Genetics
	SCCOR1300 Scientific Practice	SCMED2011 Pathophysiology 2	SCBCH2002 Nutrition and Metabolism



Environmental Science					
Unit Code	Unit Name		Location	s offered	
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL
SCENV 1001	Environmental Studies	X	Х	Х	Х
SCENV 2200	Population and Community Ecology	X	Х	Х	Х
SCENV 3912	Environmental assessment				Х
SCENV 3110	Fire Ecology				Х
SCENV 3800	Ecosystem conservation management	X	Х	Х	Х
Sem 2					
SCENV 1002	Biodiversity Conservation	Х	Х	Х	Х
SCENV 2202	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	X	Х	Х	Х
SCENV 2804	Invasive Species	X	X	X	Х
SCENV 3500	Climate and environmental issues	X	Х	Х	Х



Example structure 5 – Environmental Science

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	SCENV1001 Environmental Studies	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	SCENV3912 Environmental Assessment
	SCCOR1200 Scientific Communication	SCENV2200 population and community ecology	SCENV3800 Ecosystem conservation management
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	SCENV1002 Biodiversity Conservation	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	SCENV3500 Climate and environmental issues
	SCCOR 1300 Scientific Practice	SCENV2202 Wildlife ecology and conservation	SCCOR3002 Scientific communication project



Exercise and Sport Science						
Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offered				
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL	
EXSCI 1702	Exercise Principles and Instruction	Х	Х			
HEALT1111	Anatomy and Physiology for health professionals	Х	Х	Χ	Х	
EXSCI 1703	Motor Learning and Control	X	Х			
EXSCI 2171	Exercise Physiology	Х	X			
EXSCI 2008	Applied Biomechanics		Х			
EXSCI 3172	Exercise Prescription 2	Х	Х			
Sem 2						
EXSCI 1701	Introduction to Biomechanics	Х	Х			
EXSCI 2173	Psychology of Sport and Exercise	X	X			
EXSCI 2175	Exercise Prescription 1	Х	X			
EXSCI 2176	Inclusion through Physical Activity	Х	X			
EXSCI 3002	Physical Preparation in Sport		X			
EXSCI 3171	Advanced Motor Control and Learning	Х	X			
EXSCI 3173	Injury Prevention and Management in Human Movement	X	X			

^{*}CHLL classes may not be offered in regular 12 week structure



Example structure 6 – Exercise and Sport Science

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	EXSCI1702 Exercise principles and instruction	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	EXSCI2171 Exercise Physiology
	EXSCI1703 Motor learning and control	HEALT1111 Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professionals	EXSCI2008 Applied Biomechanics
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	EXSCI1701 Introduction to biomechanics	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	EXSCI2175 Exercise Prescription 1
	EXSCI2173 Psychology of Sport and Exercise	EXSCI2176 Inclusion through physical activity	EXSCI3002 Physical preparation in sport



Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offered			
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL
INDSL1001	Indigenous History (1788-1967)	Х	Х	Х	X
BATCC1001	From Homer to Memes: the evolution and technologies of storytelling		X	X	Х
INDSL2002	Myths and Massacres: Australian History and Reconciliation		Х	X	Х
BATCC2005	Reading and Writing Poetry	X	X	X	X
BAWRT1002	Introduction to professional writing	X	X	X	X
SOSCI1002	The sociological imagination		X	X	Х
SOCIO2001	Sociology of Families and Relationships	Х	X	Х	Х
SOCIO2743	Sociology of Deviance	Х	X	Х	Х
BAWRT2004	Digital Writing	Х	Х	X	Х
Sem 2					
INDSL1000	Introduction to Indigenous Australia	Х	Х	Х	Х
BAWRT1001	Writing stories	X	X	Х	Х
BAHIS2007	Managing Heritage: Engagement and Education	Х	X	Х	Х
BAXDC1003	Ideologies in the modern world	Х	X	Х	Х
BATCC1002	Ways of reading and seeing	Х	X	X	Х
INDSL2109	Victorian Aboriginal History 1800-1900	X	Х	X	Х
SOCIO2002	Sociology of Genders, Sexes, and Sexualities	Х	X	X	X
BAXDC2004	Applied ethics in contemporary societies	X	X	X	Х



Example structure 7 – Arts and Humanities

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	SOSCI1002 The sociological imagination	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	BAWRT1002 Introduction to professional writing
	INDSL1001 Indigenous history (1788-1967)	SOCIO2732 Sociology of Deviance	INDSL2002 Myths and Massacres
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	INDSL1000 Introduction to Indigenous Australia	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	BAXDC2004 Applied ethics in contemporary societies
	BAXDC1003 Ideologies in the modern world	SOCIO2002 Sociology of Genders, Sexes, and Sexualities	INDSL2109 Victorian Aboriginal History 1800- 1900



Business - Management					
Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offered			
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL
BUECO 1509	Principles of Economics	X	Х	Х	Х
BUMGT1501	Management Principles	X	X	Х	Х
BUMGT 1502	Contemporary Business	X	X	Х	Х
BUMGT 2606	Managing people at work				X
BUMGT 2621	Business Communications	X	X	X	X
BUMGT 2623	Leading organisations	X	Х	Х	Х
Sem 2					
BUENT 1501	NT 1501 Creativity and Innovation		Х	Х	Х
BUMKT 1501	MKT 1501 Introduction to Marketing				Х
BEHAV 2003	EHAV 2003 Behaviour in the workplace		X	X	Х
BAXDC 2004	Applied ethics in contemporary societies	X	Х	X	Х
BUMGT 2622	Work Futures	X	Х	X	Х
BUMGT 3702	Strategic management	X	Х	X	Х
BUMGT 3704	T 3704 Managing Change		X	X	X



Example structure 8 – Business Management

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	BUMGT1501 Management principles	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	BUMGT2621 Business Communications
	BUMGT1502 Contemporary business	BUMGT2606 Managing people at work	BUMGT2623 Leading organisations
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	BUENT1501 Creativity and innovation	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	BUMGT3702 Strategic management
	BEHAV2003 Behaviour in the workplace	BAXDC2004 Applied ethics in contemporary societies	BUMGT3704 Managing change



Business - Marketing						
Unit Code	Unit Name	Locations offered				
Sem 1		CHLL	MTH	BER	ODL	
BUMKT 1501	Introduction to marketing	Х	Х	Х	Х	
BUMGT 1502	Contemporary Business	Х	Х	Х	X	
BUMKT 3701	Marketing Communication	X	Х	Х	Х	
Sem 2						
BUMKT 2602	Consumer Behaviour	Х	Х	Х	Х	
BUMKT 2603	Marketing Research	Х	X	Х	Х	
BUMKT 3708	Social Media Marketing	Х	Х	Х	Х	
BUMKT 3709	Marketing Strategy				Х	



Example structure 9 – Business Marketing

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	PSYCB1101 Introductory Psychology A	PSYCB2102 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYCB 3102 Abnormal Psychology
	PSYCB1003 Introduction to research methods in Psychology	PSYCB 2105 Counselling Theory and Practice	PSYCB 3109 Psychology Research: Advanced Analyses
	BUMKT1501 Introduction to Marketing	PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians	PSYCB3111 Psychology Work Placement
	BUMGT1501 Contemporary Business	BUMGT2621 Business Communications	BUMKT3701 Marketing Communication
SEMESTER 2	PSYCB1102 Introductory Psychology B	PSYCB 2103 Personality	PSYCB 3101 Psychological Testing and Assessment
	STATS1000 Statistical Methods	PSYCB 2104 Social Psychology	PSYCB 3112 Psychology Applied Project
	BEHAV2003 Behaviour in the Workplace	PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology	BUMKT3706 Social Media Marketing
	BAXDC2004 Applied ethics in contemporary contexts	BUMKT2603 Marketing Research	BUMKT3709 Marketing Strategy