

Bachelor of Psychological Science

Elective Stream Options 2026

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 provides 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.

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

- **Note:** This guide is intended to support course planning and provide examples of how electives may fit within the course structure. Please note that unit offerings, delivery modes, campus availability and course requirements may change. If you have questions about elective choices or course planning, please contact your Academic Advisor.

What if I want to do an elective that is not listed below or if I have questions?

We're always happy to help and provide guidance. If you have any questions, please contact either the Academic Advisor at your home campus or the Course Coordinator:

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Suggested Elective Streams.

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

*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 | CHSUG3002 Counselling for individuals and families |
| | BSWUG1001 Introduction to social work, community and human services | 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 |

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Community and Human Services

| Unit Code | Unit Name | Locations offered | | | |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sem 1 | | CHLL | MTH | BER | ODL |
| *CHSUG1001 | Introduction to social work, community and human services | | | | |
| CHSUG2001 | Theories and practice for group work | X | X | X | |
| CHSUG2003 | Community practice approaches | X | X | X | X |
| CHSUG3001 | Critical practice approaches | X | X | X | X |
| CHSUG3002 | Counselling for individuals and families | X | X | X | |
| CHSUG3003 | Health and wellbeing in diverse communities | X | X | X | X |
| Sem 2 | | | | | |
| BAXDC3004 | Applied Ethics in Contemporary Societies | X | X | X | X |
| CHSUG1002 | Interpersonal communication for professional practice | X | X | X | X |
| CHSUG1003 | Theories and models for practice | X | X | X | X |
| 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 |
| | BASOC1001: The Sociological Imagination | 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 | CHSUG2005 Social Policy and Social Change | BAXDC3004 Applied Ethics in Contemporary Societies |

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Criminal Justice

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

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 | CRJUS2300 Punishment, Penalty and Rehabilitation | CRJUS3303 Justice Responses to Difference |

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Biological and Nutrition Science

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

[SCCOR3002 Science Communication Project is listed in CMS but is not scheduled for 2605/2620](#)

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 | SCMED3034 Histopathology and Haematology |

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Environmental Science

| Unit Code | Unit Name | Locations offered | | | |
|------------|--|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Sem 1 | | CHLL | MTH | BER | ODL |
| SCENV1002 | Biodiversity Conservation | X | X | X | X |
| SCENV 2200 | Population and Community Ecology | X | X | X | X |
| SCENV3912 | Environmental assessment | | | | X |
| SCENV 3110 | Fire Ecology | | | | X |
| Sem 2 | | | | | |
| SCENV 1001 | Environmental Studies | X | X | X | X |
| SCENV2804 | Invasive Species | X | X | X | X |
| SCENV 3500 | Climate and Environmental Issues in a Changing World | X | X | X | X |

SCENV2202 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in CMS but not scheduled

SCENV3800 Ecosystems Conversation and Management in CMS but not scheduled

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 | SCENV2600 Geographic Information Systems |
| 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 | SCENV2804 Invasive Species | SCENV3802 Wildlife ecology and conservation |

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Exercise and Sport Science

| Unit Code | Unit Name | Locations offered | | | |
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| Sem 1 | | CHLL | MTH | BER | ODL |
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| EXSCI 2171 | Exercise Physiology | X | X | X | |
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| EXSCI2176 | Inclusion Through Physical Activity | X | | X | |
| Sem 2 | | | | | |
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| EXSCI 2173 | Psychology of Sport and Exercise | X | X | X | |
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| EXSCI 3173 | Injury Prevention and Management in Human Movement | X | X | | |
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EXSCI1702 Exercise Principles and Instruction in CMS but not scheduled

EXSCI2175 Exercise Prescription 1 in CMS but not scheduled

EXSCI3172 Exercise Prescription 2 in CMS but not scheduled

HEALT111 Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professionals 1 in CMS but not scheduled

*BER and CHLL classes may not be offered in the regular 12-week structure, contact your Academic Advisor for further guidance.

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 |
| | EXSCI1802 Foundations of Exercise Programming and Prescription | PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians | EXSCI2171 Exercise Physiology |
| | EXSCI1703 Motor learning and control | HEALT1705 Psychosocial Aspects of Health Behaviour | EXSCI2171 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 | HEALT1706 Health and Physical Activity Promotion | EXSCI3002 Physical preparation in sport |

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Arts and Humanities

| BATCC1002 | Ways of Reading and Seeing | | X | X | X | X |
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| BAXDC2004 | Applied ethics in contemporary societies | | X | X | X | X |

BAHIS2005
BAKIP1001
BASOC2001
BATCC2004
BAWRT2002
INDSL1000
INDSL1001
INDSL2006
SOSCI1002
SOSCI2200

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 |
| | BASOC1001 The sociological imagination | PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians | BAWRT1002 Introduction to professional writing |
| | BAIND1001 First Nations Histories | BATCC1001 From Homer to Memes: the evolution and technologies of storytelling | BADIG2004 Children, Youth and Digital Media |
| 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 |
| | BAIND1002 Introduction to First Nations People of Australia | PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology | SOCIO2002 Sociology of Genders, Sexes and Sexualities |
| | BADIG 1001 Foundations of Contemporary Knowledge | BAID2005 Australian Screen in Global Contexts | BAXDC1005 Critical and Digital Literacy |

*Bold: Core unit

Business – Management Electives

| Unit Code | Unit Name | Locations offered | | | |
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| Sem 1 | | CHLL | MTH | BER | ODL |
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| Sem 2 | | | | | |
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| BEHAV 2003 | Behaviour in the workplace | X | X | X | X |
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BAXDC2004 Applied Ethics in Contemporary Societies

BUECO1509 Principles of Economics

BUENT1501 Creativity and Innovation

BUMGT1501 Management Principles

BUMGT1502 Contemporary Business

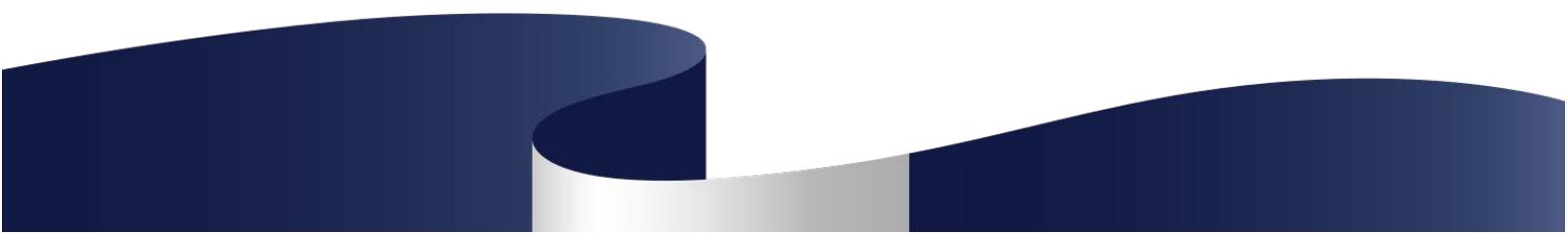
BUMGT2606 Managing People at Work

BUMGT2621 Business Communications

BUMGT2622 Work Futures

BUMGT2623 Leading Organisations

BUMGT3702 Strategic Management





BUMGT3704 Managing Change

BUMKT1501 Introduction to Marketing

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 |
| | BUMGT1100 Introduction to Management | PSYCB 2106 Psychology, Culture, & Indigenous Australians | BUMGT1103 Contemporary Human Resource Management |
| | BUMGT1101 Entrepreneurship and Innovation | BUMKT2201 Consumer Behavior | BUMGT2104 Business Strategy |
| 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 |
| | BUMKT1200 Introduction to Marketing | PSYCB 2107 Cognitive and Biological Psychology | BUMKT3204 Marketing Communication |
| | BEHAV2003 Behaviour in the workplace | BUMKT3205 Social Media Marketing | BUMGT3105 Leadership and Change |

*Bold: Core unit

Business - Marketing Electives