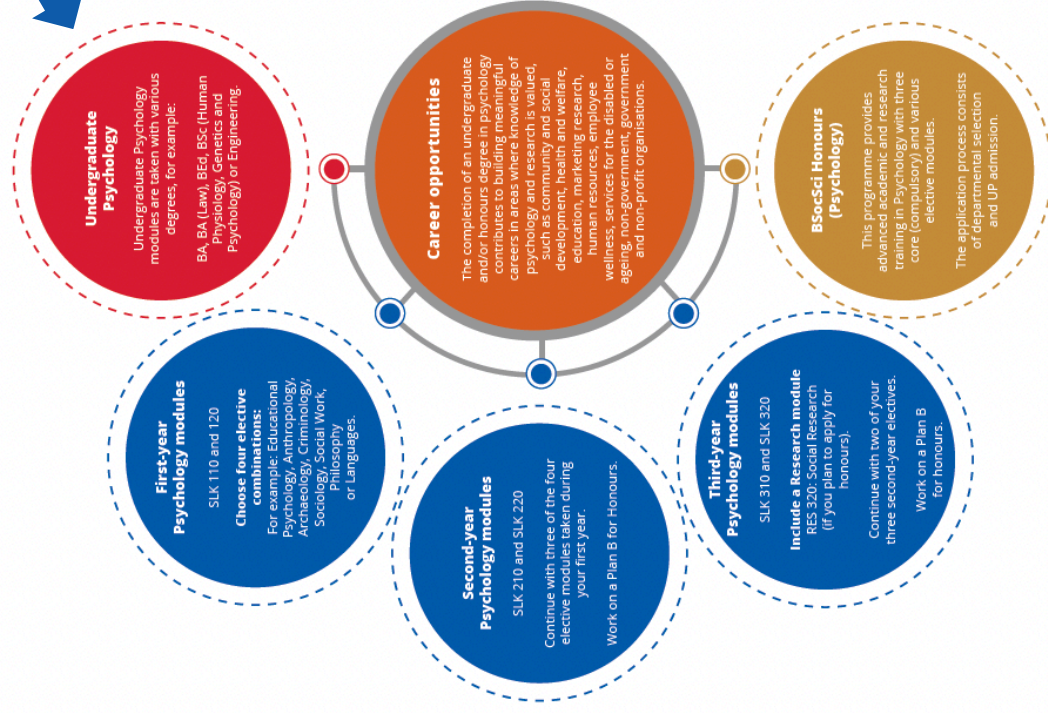


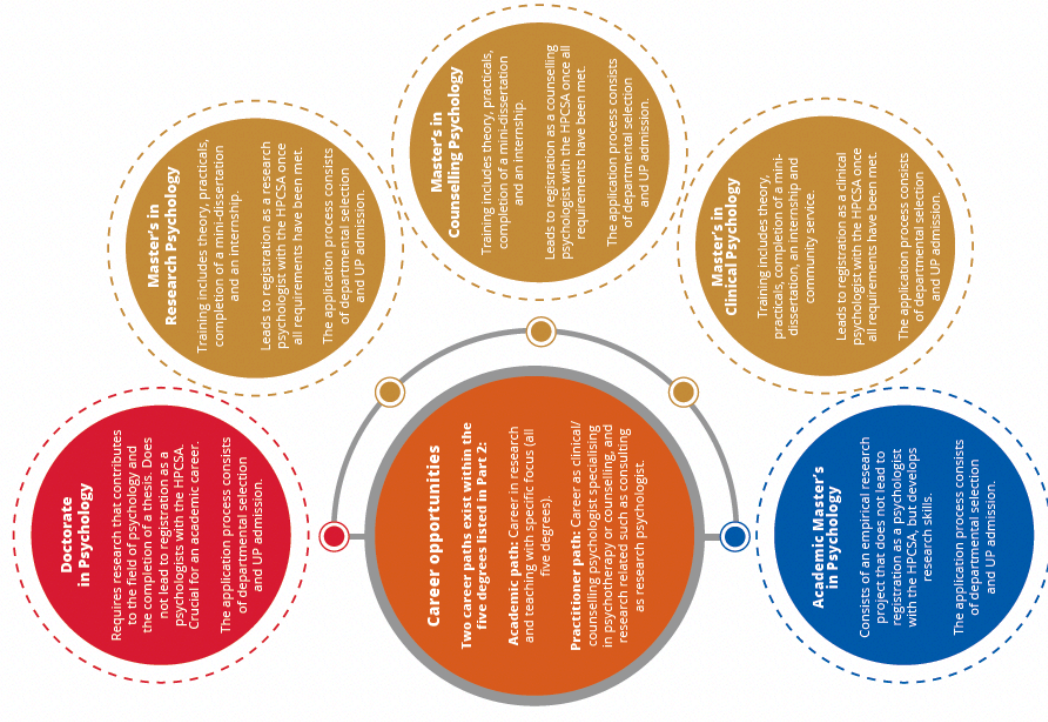
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Available Undergraduate Psychology (SLK & RES) Modules: 2025

The following Psychology (SLK & RES) modules need to be taken on each year level, if you are interested in making psychology your main focus of study.

First-Year Psychology Modules:

24 Credits

SLK 110: Psychological Perspectives and Personology

12 Credits

This module is a general orientation to Psychology. An introduction is given to various theoretical approaches in Psychology, and the development of Psychology as a science is discussed. Selected themes from everyday life are explored and integrated with psychological principles. This module focuses on major personality theories. An introduction is given to various paradigmatic approaches in Psychology.

Presented in Semester 1 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

SLK 120: Biological and Cognitive Processes

12 Credits

This module introduces the student to a basic knowledge and understanding of the biological basis of human behaviour. The module addresses the key concepts and terminology related to the biological subsystem, the rules and principles guiding biological psychology, and identification of the interrelatedness of different biological systems and subsystems. In this module various cognitive processes are studied, including perception, memory, thinking, intelligence and creativity. Illustrations are given of various thinking processes, such as problem solving, critical, analytic and integrative thinking.

Presented in Semester 2 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

Second-Year Psychology Modules:

40 Credits

Prerequisites: SLK 110 & SLK 120 (24 credits in total)

SLK 210: Developmental Psychology

20 Credits

In this module human development from conception through adolescence to adulthood is discussed with reference to various psychological theories. Incorporated are the developmental changes related to cognitive, physical, emotional and social functioning of the individual and the context of work in adulthood. Traditional and contemporary theories of human development explaining and describing these stages are studied in order to address the key issues related to both childhood and adulthood.

Presented in Semester 1 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

SLK 220: Social Psychology

20 Credits

This module is a social-psychological perspective on interpersonal and group processes. Themes that are covered include communication, pro-social behaviour, social influence and persuasion, political transformation, violence, and group behaviour.

Presented in Semester 2 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

Third-Year Psychology Modules:

60 Credits

Prerequisites: SLK 210 & SLK 220 (40 credits in total) and we recommend you take RES 320 in your third-year

SLK 310: Psychopathology

30 Credits

Identification of abnormal behaviour in children based on knowledge of normal childhood development; introduction to the study of various models pertaining to abnormal behaviour; understanding and application of basic concepts in child psychopathology. This module also provides an introduction to psychopathology and symptomatology of adult abnormal behaviour. Terminology, definitions of abnormal behaviour, problems in diagnosis, labelling, and myths regarding abnormal behaviour are discussed. Neurosis as a specific mental disorder is studied critically from a multidimensional perspective, including intrapsychic, interpersonal and social-cultural explanations.

Presented in Semester 1 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

SLK 320: Community & Critical Psychology

30 Credits

This module deals with a community psychological perspective on human behaviour and psychological interventions and also critically explores the contribution of various perspectives in psychology. The module focuses on themes such as definitions of key concepts, principles and aims of community psychology, and the role of the community psychologist as well as the impact of earlier thought frameworks on contemporary perspectives. The implications of these ideas for practical initiatives focused on mental health in communities, are discussed. The module further focuses on critical psychology. Critical psychology is an orientation towards psychology that is critical towards the assumptions and practices of psychology as it is practiced in the mainstream. It attempts to address power issues as they manifest in the practice of mainstream psychology. The focus is on examining how the practice and theories of mainstream psychology contribute to these power issues impacting on marginalised groups.

Presented in Semester 2 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

Third-Year Research Module

30 Credits

Prerequisites: None, but compulsory should you wish to apply for the BSocSci Honours (Psychology) programme

RES 320: Social Research: Methodological Thinking

30 Credits

The module introduces methods of inquiry in the social sciences and humanities. The purpose of this module is to introduce students to the research process in order to equip them with the necessary competence to: identify social problems, formulate research questions and hypotheses; have a basic understanding of writing the literature review and research proposal; know and select relevant methods of inquiry; be aware of the necessity of conducting ethically sound research; and interpret and present data graphically.

Presented in Semester 2 for 14 weeks, two lectures per week.

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