



**PsySSA Student Division  
Postgraduate Application Dates**

## University of Witwatersrand (WITS)

### Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology

This programme comprises three main elements:

(a) a year of theoretical coursework and applied training offered full-time at the university

(b) the completion of a clinically orientated research study and report

(c) and a full-time internship of 12 months at sites in the greater Johannesburg area.

Upon completion of all the academic and internship requirements, the Professional Board of Psychology (under the auspices of the Health Professions Council of South Africa) requires that Clinical Psychologists complete a year of paid community service in order to register as an independent practitioner. Upon completion of the internship, prospective psychologists also have to complete the Board Exam of the Professional Board of Psychology before they can complete their registration.

Applicants for the programme are selected by a Selection Panel, consisting of staff from both the Department of Psychology and the Intern Training Centres. Acceptance is provisional upon several criteria, including acceptable academic performance in an Honours degree and during the first few months of the programme.

#### **Application Dates:**

Application closing date (for study in 2023): 03 May 2022

Dates for selection week: 25 to 29 July 2022

For more information, visit the [WITS Psychology](#) website

### **Master of Arts in Community-Based Counselling Psychology**

The Master of Arts in Community-Based Counselling Psychology (MACC) degree extends over not less than two academic years of full-time study. It comprises two parts: a coursework component and an internship. In order to graduate, candidates also need to have successfully completed a research report.

#### **Application Dates:**

Application closing date (for study in 2022): 16 May 2022

Dates for selection week: 01<sup>st</sup> to 05<sup>th</sup> August 2022

For more information on this programme, visit this [website](#).

## Psychology Research-Related MA Programmes

### 1. *MA in Psychology by Research (Dissertation)*

The MA by Dissertation may be done either as a full-time or part-time degree. Students are expected to complete the degree within one year full-time, or two years part-time.

Requirements:

- An Honours degree (or equivalent) in Psychology, achieved with a minimum pass of 70%
- Demonstrated potential to succeed in the programme, based on responses to questions on the application form and favourable performance in a selection interview
- Favourable referee reports and equity considerations
- The availability of a member of staff able to supervise in the area of interest

#### **Application Dates:**

31 May 2022 (July 2022 Intake)

16 September 2022 (January 2023 Intake)

### 2. *MA in the field of Psychology by Coursework and Research Report*

This degree focuses on developing advanced conceptual and research expertise in a particular field of Psychology, with two primary clusters of cognate courses on offer: A) Psychosocial Studies and B) Cognitive Science.

The MA in Psychology by Coursework and Research Report may be done as a full-time or part-time degree. Students are required to complete three coursework modules and a research report. Students are expected to complete the degree in one year if registered full-time, and in two years if doing the course part-time. Please note; the coursework modules are run during the day, there are no evening classes.

Requirements:

- An Honours degree in Psychology (or a related discipline), achieved with a minimum average of 65%
- Demonstrated potential to succeed in the programme, based on responses to questions on the application form and favourable performance in a selection interview
- Favourable referee reports and equity considerations

**Application Closing Date:** 16 September 2022 (January 2023 Intake only)

### 3. *MA in the field of Social and Psychological Research by Coursework and Research Report*

This degree focuses on developing practical research expertise in quantitative, qualitative, mixed and applied research methods. The degree can also serve as a basis for future PhD studies leading to a career in academia. *This is the only degree offered by the Department that leads to registration as a Research Psychologist with the HPCSA (and only if followed by an accredited one-year internship).* However, the degree is also suitable for students from related social science disciplines who wish to pursue research careers but are not eligible for registration with the HPCSA.

Please note that the *program does not include the internship*, it is up to individual students to secure their own accredited research internships after completing their Masters degree.

This degree may be done as a full-time or part-time degree. Students are required to complete three coursework modules, all of which are compulsory, and a research report. Students are expected to complete the degree in one year if doing the course full-time, and in two years if doing the course part-time.

Requirements:

1. An Honours degree in Psychology (or a related discipline), achieved with a minimum average mark of 65%
2. Demonstrated potential to succeed in the programme, based on responses to questions on the application form and favourable performance in a selection interview
3. Favourable referee reports
4. Equity considerations

**Application Closing Date:** 16 September 2022 (January 2023 Intake only)

More information about these programs is available on the [university website](#).

### **Master of Education in Educational Psychology**

The Master of Education (Educational Psychology) programme runs over two years and is comprised of three major facets:

- a. Course work - Practical training is provided in conjunction with theoretical input. Students are provided with experience with clients in the Wits Education Clinic and direct practical experience in community work.

b. Internship

During the second year of the course, students are required to work at one of the intern placement sites.

c. The Research Report

A central requirement for the degree is a research report which presents research in an area related to clinical psychology.

Requirements

- B. Ed Honours (Educational Psychology) degree or Psychology Honours degree
- Experience in the field of education and/or counselling

**Application Dates:**

Application Closing date (for study in 2022): 31 May 2022

Dates for selection interviews: 16 - 19 August 2022

For more information, visit [this website](#).

### **Master of Arts in Organisational Psychology**

The Master of Arts in Organisational Psychology takes place over a single year period (full-time, no part-time option is offered), and aims to provide students with a thorough knowledge of advanced theoretical issues in applied psychology within an organisational context, together with the development of advanced analytical and reasoning skills.

In addition, students are required to complete a Research Report in a suitable area. Persons who hold a Masters in Organisational Psychology are eligible for registration in the category Industrial Psychology with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, provided that they complete a suitable internship approved by the Professional Board of Psychology. The minimum requirement for academic performance in the Honours degree is 65%. Note that this mark is a minimum requirement and does not in any way guarantee final acceptance onto the programme.

**Application Closing Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

For more information, visit [this website](#).

## **Honours in Psychology**

The Honours in Psychology degree is an academically-based programme aimed at providing students with a range of knowledge and skills within the field of research, as well as specialist areas of interest. In itself, the degree is highly marketable, as there is increasing demand for students with strong research knowledge and competencies within organisations. However, it also offers a potential alternative route toward both professional training and other careers in applied psychology. It does not offer registration as a psychometrist or registered counsellor.

The programme runs for one year on a full-time basis only; it must be emphasized that full-time implies your full availability for the entire year. You will not be able to hold down a job (except for weekend work) as well as take part in the programme. Concurrent study in another programme is also not advisable/permissible.

A part-time option is available through Witsplus and students wishing to apply to study part-time will be required to apply through [Wits Plus](#) and to indicate this on the departmental application forms.

Students are expected to complete five (5) modules successfully in order to obtain the degree. This includes one (1) compulsory module (Research Methods in Psychology); a compulsory Research Essay on an approved topic; and three (3) elective modules, chosen from the clusters of optional modules on offer. It must be noted that in any given academic year only certain modules and/or combinations of these modules may be available. The part-time Wits Plus Honours in Psychology will follow a set curriculum.

**Application Dates:** 1 July - 30 September

## **Honours in Organisational Psychology**

The Honours in Organisational Psychology programme offered both full-time for 1 year and part-time (over 2 years) study which is conducted through Witsplus. The programme is aimed at students interested in applying psychology to various areas of work, such as industrial relations, human resources, organisational design and development and organisational research. Students are required to complete five compulsory modules including a research report on an approved topic. The five modules are: Research Methods in Psychology; Individual Well-being and Effectiveness at Work; Theoretical Foundations of Organisational Psychology; Group Processes in Organisations; and the Research Essay.

Places on the programme are limited. Thus acceptance into the programme is competitive and is provisional upon the following criteria:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree with Organisational/Industrial Psychology as a major, or a minimum of half of your Psychology major consisting of Organisational Psychology modules;
- Good marks achieved at third year Organisational/Industrial Psychology level (please note that while University rules do not allow acceptance of students into the programme whose third-year average falls below 65%, attainment of a 65% average is often insufficient to be offered a place due to a high demand for places in the course);
- Principles of diversity

**Application Dates:** 1 July - 30 September

## University of Johannesburg (UJ)

### Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology

This programme leads to registration as a Clinical Psychologist with the Professional Board of Psychology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

The programme will consist of one year of coursework and the completion of a minor dissertation. After completing the degree, you may apply for admission to an internship in Clinical Psychology. After completion of an internship in Clinical Psychology, you also have to complete one year of Community Service, as stipulated by the Department of Health.

#### **Application Dates:**

Application: 1 April - 6 July

Selection Week: 01 August - 5 September

### Masters of Arts in Counselling Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers a two-year Master of Arts degree in Counselling Psychology. The programme, which leads to registration as a counselling psychologist with the Professional Board of Psychology (PBP) of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), is a full-time degree. The language of instruction is English, and this is a contact-tuition programme. Because of coursework and lecture attendance requirements, you will not be able to hold part-time or full-time employment.

You will be registered as a student psychologist with the HPCSA. The first year consists of coursework, a minor dissertation, and practical placements. The second year requires you to serve as an intern psychologist at an HPCSA accredited programme or institution. All students must apply for and obtain this accredited internship position themselves. The Department will provide further information about this after you have been successfully selected and enrolled into the programme.

#### **Application Dates:**

Application: 1 April - 6 July

Selection Week: 15 August - 19 August



### **Masters of Arts in Psychology (Research-based)**

The MA (Psychology) Research Masters Program is located within a dynamic, research-oriented environment within the Psychology Department. Supervised by experts in their respective fields, students specialize in topics that include health psychology, personality & individual difference and critical psychology. Students are also required to participate in departmental research seminars, colloquia and conferences. At the end of the program, students emerge with a set of sought-after conceptual and research skills suited to a career in psycho-social research.

**Application dates:** 01 June- 31 October 2022

### **Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology**

The Honours in Psychology programme is offered on a full-time basis only. The students are required to complete six modules within a one year period. The research component is the only compulsory module and runs for the full year, as such this module counts as two modules. The students are required to select four other modules out of the following list: Neuropsychology; Personality Psychology; Social Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; Therapeutic Psychology; Psychological Assessment; Critical Developmental Psychology and Health Psychology. Each of these modules is presented by an expert in the field and classes are interactional and dynamic. The students are also given the opportunity to complete a research project with the aim being to prepare them for further studies. The students are assessed via tests, assignments and exams.

**Application dates:** TBC

## University of Pretoria (UP)

### Professional Masters in Psychology

#### *1. Clinical Psychology*

This programme provides integrated professional and academic training equipping the candidate to function as a clinical psychologist. After completion, the candidate can apply to the Professional Board for Psychology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa for registration as a clinical psychologist. Such registration will be subject to the conditions stipulated by the Professional Board for Psychology at the time of registration.

The degree comprises one year of full-time study; 50% of the programme entails coursework and 50% entails a research component. There are three components:

1. Theoretical section - A core curriculum with coursework has to be followed and passed.
2. Practical section - During the one years and as part of the practical component of the programme academic service training is done at institutions as organised by the Department of Psychology.
3. Mini-dissertation - A mini-dissertation on an appropriate topic as approved by the head of the department and the Postgraduate and Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Humanities must be completed and passed before the MA degree in Clinical Psychology can be conferred. A pass mark of at least 50% must be obtained. A draft article for publication in a recognised scientific journal must be submitted together with the completed mini-dissertation.

#### **Admission requirements:**

- BSocSciHons in Psychology or BAHons in Psychology or relevant honours degree
- A cumulative weighted average of at least 70% for the honours degree

**Closing date for applications:** 31 May annually.

#### *2. Counselling Psychology*

This programme offers integrated academic, practical and professional training in counselling psychology. The programme is a one-year full-time programme and is based on the researcher (50%)-practitioner (50%) model. All credits within all the modules need to be passed to obtain the MA (Counselling Psychology) degree.

Once a student has successfully completed the coursework of the MA (Counselling Psychology) degree, such student can apply for registration as an intern counselling

psychologist with the Professional Board for Psychology at the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) to do a one year full-time internship in Counselling Psychology. After successfully completing the internship in counselling psychology and the board exam of the Professional Board for Psychology at the HPCSA, an intern counselling psychologist can apply for registration as a counselling psychologist with the Professional Board for Psychology at the HPCSA. Such registration is subject to the regulations of the Professional Board for Psychology at the time of registration.

This programme encompasses:

- Researcher training
- Practitioner training
- Professional development

### **Admission requirements**

1. BSocSciHons in Psychology or BAHons in Psychology or relevant honours degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 70% for the honours degree

**Closing date for applications:** 31 May annually.

### *3. Research Psychology*

This programme provides integrated professional and academic training equipping the candidate to function as a specialist researcher in psychology.

The programme is a one-year full-time programme; and consists of a (50%) and a research (50%) component. Both components need to be passed to obtain the MA (Research Psychology) degree.

Once a student has successfully completed the MA (Research Psychology) degree, such student can apply for registration as an intern research psychologist with the Professional Board for Psychology at the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) to do a one-year full-time internship in Research Psychology. After successfully completing the internship in research psychology and the board exam of the Professional Board for Psychology at the HPCSA, an intern research psychologist can apply for registration as a research psychologist with the Professional Board for Psychology at the HPCSA. Such registration is subject to the regulations of the Professional Board for Psychology at the time of registration.

### **Admission requirements:**

1. BSocSciHons in Psychology or BAHons in Psychology or relevant honours degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree

**Closing date for applications:** 31 May annually.

### Academic Master's Degree in Psychology

The Academic Master's (MA) degree consists of a research project reported in the format of a dissertation in the case of the MA in Psychology.

Formal Admission Requirements:

Students are required to have obtained an honours degree with a minimum of 60% average mark. The Master's degree is awarded upon successful completion of a full-length dissertation (see the Faculty of Humanities yearbook for further requirements). Students are encouraged to complete the MA degree within two years.

**Closing date for applications:** 30 November annually

### Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Psychology

The BSocSci Honours in Psychology programme provides advanced academic and research training in Psychology, equipping students to proceed with the Master's programmes in any of the structured (professional) or academic programmes, transferring their skills to a variety of work contexts and contribute to society.

Requirements:

- A relevant bachelor's degree recognised by the Senate of the University of Pretoria with a minimum of six-semester modules in psychology, of which at least two-semester modules must have been obtained at the third-year level e.g. SLK310 and SLK320 or PSY300 and PSY301
- A weighted average of 70% must be obtained for psychology modules completed during the first, second and third year of study (respectively)
- Research modules (RES 320 or equivalent) should have been included in the undergraduate degree
- Additional research modules may be required if deemed necessary by the Head of the Department

Selection Process:

- A limited number of students will be admitted
- Selection will be based on allocating a weight of 40% to second-year marks and a weight of 60% to third-year marks in psychology
- Once the admission requirements are fulfilled, transformation, gender and disability are taken into account

### Application Process:

- Both prospective and currently enrolled applicants need to carefully read the Compulsory Instruction Letter (link below) to familiarise themselves with the application process to avoid disqualification.
- If, at the time of application, you are still completing your 3rd-year psychology modules (i.e. with module marks remaining unconfirmed, unreleased, or unofficial), please capture the module code, name, and the 'progress mark' or if you do not have a mark for a specific module indicate 'in progress'.
- Submit a progress report for your 3rd-year Psychology modules if you are in the process of completing it as part of your uploads, or alternatively, should you have completed the online departmental application email the progress report to [honours.psych@up.ac.za](mailto:honours.psych@up.ac.za) to be captured
- It is also suggested that you submit a copy of the mid-year results of your 3r-year psychology modules to [honours.psych@up.ac.za](mailto:honours.psych@up.ac.za) to be captured e.g. May/June/July examination period
- REMEMBER, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure you submit your final 3rd-year full academic record at the end of 2022 to [honours.psych@up.ac.za](mailto:honours.psych@up.ac.za) to avoid disqualification of an incomplete application

### Duration of Study:

The programme is presented full-time for one year. Classes will only be presented during daytime and class attendance is compulsory. English will be the only medium of instruction.

**Application** for 2023 intake closes on the 30th of September 2022

# University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN)

## 1. Professional Psychology Masters Degrees

The Discipline of Psychology offers the following Masters's Degree:

1. Masters of Social Science (Clinical Psychology)
2. Masters of Social Science (Counselling Psychology)
3. Masters of Social Science (Industrial Psychology)
4. Masters of Social Science (Educational Psychology)
5. Masters of Social Science (Research Psychology)

Please note:

- With the exception of the Industrial and Research Psychology programmes, students may only apply to ONE of the Clinical, Counselling, or Educational Psychology programmes on ONE site (i.e., Pietermaritzburg OR Howard College) in an application cycle.
- Applications made for more than one of either Clinical, Counselling, or Educational Psychology, and/or on more than one site will result in all applications submitted by that candidate being disqualified.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that their application has been received and whether they *have been shortlisted for the selection process*.

**Application closing dates** - 29 July

## 2. Masters of Social Science in Health Promotion

This qualification is aimed at enabling graduates to apply their skills, knowledge and expertise in scientifically promoting positive health outcomes at an individual, organisational and community level. The overall aim of the programme is to provide skills to health and development workers to provide specialist health promotion services, including research, policy and legislative interventions, to populations in need.

Participants are expected to meet the core learning requirements as set out in each module. In addition a review will be done of individual learning objectives to incorporate these into the course where possible.

Learners will become skilled at reflecting and evaluating their own performance and finding ways to improve it

- Encouraging exposure to multiple perspectives increases understanding by deconstructing different views
- Participation in collaborative learning takes place in a social context.

- Actively deconstructing notions of power and the influence this has on both the learning process and the way in which knowledge and skills are applied in the workplace.

The module outlines provided would serve as a draft that will be revisited by the learners during the attendance block. It is viewed as a dynamic document that will accommodate the specific learning needs of the group. The final assessment will also be the product of both the learners and the facilitators in agreement with minimum standards of the university and school of psychology.

**Application closing date:** 30 September

### Honours Degree in Psychology

The Honours degree in Psychology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College Campus) is for candidates who have achieved reasonably good results in their undergraduate degree. This Honours programme is designed to provide a critical and conceptual base for students wishing to proceed to higher degree studies in psychology. The duration of the programme is one academic year and it is offered on a **full-time basis**, i.e., the programme is not presented via distance learning. All modules are taught during the day and attendance is compulsory. All lectures and seminars for this Honours programme are conducted in English. Similarly, all learning materials and assessment activities are presented in English.

Admission:

Selection for the UKZN Honours Programme in Psychology is primarily on merit, based on achievement in the undergraduate Psychology programme. The Discipline of Psychology reserves the right to take other factors into account when selecting candidates. Applicants must have majored in the required number of undergraduate Psychology credits at the first, second and third-year levels. Acceptance of the programme depends on the number of places available.

**Application closing date:** 30 September

## South African College of Applied Psychology (SACAP)

### Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Psychology (BPsych Equivalent)

This programme is ideal for those who want to build on their three-year undergraduate degree with psychology as a major. It has all the academic elements of an honours degree in psychology, including research, as well as the professional training needed for the work of a Registered Counsellor in South Africa.

The programme's focus is on ethical short-term supportive counselling, psycho-education and psychological assessment with the aim of protecting and promoting the psychological wellbeing of individuals and families in the diverse communities of South Africa. This qualification also provides multiple academic pathways for academic or professional master's degree studies in psychology both nationally and internationally.

#### **Minimum Entrance Requirements:**

All applicants for this programme are required to undergo a screening and selection process. As per the Health Professions Council of South Africa's requirements, the maximum number of applicants accepted into this programme is limited to 15 students per approved campus, i.e. Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Pretoria campuses.

- A minimum of an appropriate Bachelor's Degree (NQF level 7) or appropriate Advanced Diploma with a psychology major, having achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 65% and/or above in all psychology subjects undertaken in the final year (exit level) of study.

OR

- Applicants 24 years of age and older who do not meet the above requirements should provide a portfolio of evidence demonstrating formal, informal, and non-formal knowledge, training, work experience, and/or learning in a cognate field of study equivalent to an NQF level 7 qualification to support admission into the programme on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

**Application dates:** 15 July-31 December



## **Master's of Social Science in Community Mental Health Promotion**

This two-year part-time master's degree seeks to develop leaders who can strategically and innovatively address community mental health challenges and enhance community wellbeing.

Candidates will develop the capacity to act as catalysts to bring together various sectors to tackle the social and mental health challenges that our country faces. They will also be encouraged in social innovation and intervention and develop skills for policy development and advocacy around community mental health issues. The master's degree also seeks to build a continuous entrepreneurial mind-set in order to harness opportunities within community contexts.

**This is not a professional programme and does not lead to registration with the HPCSA in any professional category of registration.**

### **Minimum Entrance Requirements:**

All applicants for this programme are required to undergo a screening and selection process. As per the Health Professions Council of South Africa's requirements, the maximum number of applicants accepted into this programme is limited to 15 students per approved campus, i.e. Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Pretoria campuses.

- A minimum of an appropriate Bachelor's Degree (NQF level 7) or appropriate Advanced Diploma with a psychology major, having achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 65% and/or above in all psychology subjects undertaken in the final year (exit level) of study.

OR

- Applicants 24 years of age and older who do not meet the above requirements should provide a portfolio of evidence demonstrating formal, informal, and non-formal knowledge, training, work experience, and/or learning in a cognate field of study equivalent to an NQF level 7 qualification to support admission into the programme on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

**Application dates:** 1 July - 31 December

## Cornerstone Institute

### Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology (BPsych Equivalent)

The aim of this programme is to respond to the increased need for trained and registered counsellors and life skills facilitators in South Africa, with a particular focus on the psychological challenges present in communities. The programme helps students develop an integrated and relevant counselling praxis. The BPsych equivalent offers a comprehensive practical placement which is integrated with academic and professional training. This practicum forms part of the degree and is completed during the period of study. After completing this BPsych programme and successfully passing the Professional Board examination, students are able to register with the HPCSA as Registered Counsellors.

Admission requirements for the BPsych Equivalent programme include:

- A three-year bachelor's degree (or equivalent) with Psychology as a major subject.
- Minimum of 65% average in Bachelor's level Psychology.
- Completion of the *BPsych Equivalent Programme Application Form*
- Two Recommendations from Psychology Department faculty

**Application dates:** 24 July - 2 October

## University of Cape Town (UCT)

### Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology

The MA degree in Clinical Psychology at UCT is awarded through the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Humanities. Thus, the director and course convenor of the programme is accountable to the Head of the Department of Psychology and to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities. The degree is a professional qualification that, with the stipulated internship and community service, leads to registration as a Clinical Psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Professional Board for Psychology. At the beginning of each year of training students are required to register with the Professional Board for Psychology as student clinical psychologists (M1), and intern clinical psychologists (M2). The academic requirements for the degree involve **two years** of full-time study and professional training as well as submission of a minor dissertation.

In both academic and practical training, there is a strong emphasis on relating clinical practice to the broader South African context. Specific community-oriented projects (consultations, training sessions, support groups) and seminars are integral to the training. Emphasis is placed on competence in working in a multilingual and multicultural society.

### **Application Dates:**

Application closing date (for study in 2022): 27 May 2022

Short-listed applicants will be informed on the 13th of July 2022

Orientation to selection week Friday, 29th July 2022, from 13:00-15:00

Selection week: 01st - 05th August 2021

### Master of Arts in Psychological Research

Admission Requirements:

- Students who obtain a final mark of 70% or more in an Honours programme in Psychology will be considered for admission to the degree.

Application Procedure

- All applicants must complete the University Application Form, including a 5-7 page research proposal, and return it to the University administration by no later than 31 October. The letter of motivation must indicate the name of a supervisor who has agreed to supervise you.

If examination results are not yet available when you apply, these will be secured by the University.

All candidates will be advised of the outcome of their applications in due course, typically by mid-December. Successful candidates are required to confirm their acceptance in writing within two weeks.

#### Programme Structure

1. Coursework component (PSY5031H and PSY5032H) - This counts for 25% of the final mark. Students are required to take the equivalent of two-semester courses selected from a list to be provided. Each course contributes 12.5% to the final assessment for the degree.

2. Dissertation (PSY5019W) - This counts for 75% of the final mark. The dissertation should be based on original research work.

At least one of the courses offered will require field training in research methodology.

#### [Master of Arts in Neuro-Psychology](#)

Program Requirements:

- An overall average mark of 70% for a Psychology Honours program.
- A minimum of 70% for Neuro-Psychology (or equivalent) at Honours level.
- Not less than 70% aggregate Honours mark and not less than 70% Neuropsychology Honours mark.

#### **Application Dates:**

Applications close on 31 October 2022.

Visit UCT's Neuro-Psychology [page](#) for more information.

You may apply for [funding](#).

#### [Master of Social Science in Psychology](#)

This degree is by dissertation only. Students develop their own research topic in conjunction with a supervisor, conduct the research and then write a dissertation of no more than 50 000 words. Research degrees are encouraged where the field of research is clearly defined, the student wishes to concentrate on a specific research topic and has demonstrated the ability to do so.

#### **Application Dates:**

The University administration will accept applications until 31 October 2022. The letter of motivation must indicate the name of a supervisor who has agreed to supervise you.

### **Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Psychology**

The Psychology Honours degree also provides an essential bridge between the undergraduate programme and several specialised Master's programmes in the field of Psychology.

Students who wish to pursue a career in Clinical Psychology need an Honours degree in Psychology in order to be eligible to apply for any professional training. This training happens at the Master's level through an MA(Clinical Psychology) both at UCT and at most other universities where it is offered. Students who complete a UCT Psychology Honours programme will be well qualified to apply for this training either at UCT or anywhere in the country.

The Honours programme comprises six-semester courses and a research project.

**Application Dates: TBC**

## University of the Western Cape (UWC)

### 1. Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology (MPsych)

This degree leads to registration with the Professional Board for Psychology as a clinical psychologist. The Department of Psychology at UWC does not currently offer Counselling Psychology.

Requirements:

To apply for the MPsych course you need to have successfully completed (i) an undergraduate degree majoring in Psychology and (ii) an Honours in Psychology with a minimum final average of 65%.

#### Application Dates:

Applications for the 2023 year are now CLOSED. Applicants are to await further communication as to whether they have been invited to the selection week.

### 2. MA Research Psychology (MResearch)

This structured degree leads to registration with the Professional Board for Psychology as a research psychologist. This programme is ONLY offered full-time. It includes compulsory coursework, practical research activities, and the development of a mini-thesis.

#### Application Dates:

Applications for the 2022 year are now OPEN. Please review and complete the documents on UWC's [website](#). The closing date for applications is 31 August 2022.

### 3. MA Psychology (Thesis Only)

An unstructured Master's degree in psychology by thesis only.

For more information about UWC's Masters programs, visit their [website](#).

### 4. BA Honours Psychology

**Applications** for the 2023 year are OPEN.

Applicants whose online application meets the provisional selection criteria will be invited to complete a Departmental Application Form (DAF). The DAF is therefore not accessible at this stage.

Honours Programme Structure:

- Duration for full-time students: 1 year
- Duration for part-time students: 2 years

## Stellenbosch University

### 1. Masters of Arts in [Clinical Psychology](#) (MPsych)

Admission Requirements:

- An Honours degree in Psychology or equivalent qualification that the Senate has approved for admission to the programme, completed with a minimum final mark of 70%.
- Proficiency in at least two official languages.

Programme Structure:

The programme focuses on the identification and treatment of psychopathology in children and adults, as well as on the development, implementation and assessment of preventative and remedial programmes. The theoretical component is presented in English and consists of different modules which cover the broad terrain of Clinical Psychology. The practical component of the programme requires you to be involved in the diagnostic assessment and psychotherapeutic treatment of adults, children and families, and to undertake individual community projects.

The programme is presented full-time for the duration of one academic year.

**Application Dates:** Applications for 2022 (2023 intake) are closed.

### 2. Masters of Arts in [Educational Psychology](#) (MEd)

Admission Requirements:

- BEdHons in Educational Psychology (thus BPsych equivalent) OR BEdPsych OR an approved honours degree in Psychology.
- Psychology up to the third-year level is compulsory.
- An approved teacher's qualification, which has been acquired from a recognised national education and training institution and accredited according to the requirements of a South African teaching qualification at NQF Level 7 (e.g. PGCE or BEd). In the case of international qualifications, the qualification has to be verified as equivalent to a South African teaching qualification by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) (see [www.saqa.org.za](http://www.saqa.org.za)) and the official documentation has to be included with the application for the programme.
- A minimum of two years of teaching experience, which has been obtained after completion of the teaching qualification and at a formal educational institution. Experience has to be full-time employment and not part-time. Teaching practice and internship do not qualify as teaching experience.



- A minimum of 65% for Educational Psychology or Psychology subjects at honours level.
- Should 'equivalent' alternative qualifications be submitted instead of required academic qual

#### Programme Structure:

The aim of this programme in Educational Psychology is the development of research capacity, theoretically grounded knowledge, skills and attitudes, which will equip students to practise as educational psychologists in the South African context. Students who successfully complete this programme as well as the subsequent 12-month prescribed internship and who have successfully passed the Board Exam will be eligible to register as educational psychologists with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

**Application Dates:** 30 June each year for the following year's intake.

### 3. Master of Arts by [Thesis](#)

#### Admission Requirements:

For admission into the programme an Honours degree obtained with a minimum average of 65%, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University, is required. Applications must be accompanied by a brief, preliminary research proposal.

#### Programme Structure:

This programme, which requires a minimum of one year of study, focuses on the acquisition and broadening of knowledge in a specific area of Psychology. It also aims at the development of research skills, particularly with respect to the planning and execution of research and the reporting of research results.

It entails the completion of a thesis (180 credits), the topic of which is determined in consultation with a supervisor. It is preferable that the study forms part of an existing departmental research project and, where possible, focuses on a psychosocial problem within the South African context. The thesis may be written in Afrikaans or English. On completion of the thesis, in consultation with the supervisor, students are expected to prepare a paper for publication which is based on their research.

**Applications** close on the 31 October

#### **4. Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology**

The Honours programme in Psychology is a one-year full-time programme and is presented in English. It is a full-time academic programme which may lead to further postgraduate studies in Psychology, both in South Africa and internationally.

The programme cannot be completed on a part-time basis and does not lead to registration as a Counsellor or Psychometrist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. The Honours programme does, however, provide a sound theoretical foundation for subsequent training as a Psychologist and can lead to admission to professional Masters degree training programmes in Counselling Psychology, Clinical Psychology and Research Psychology.

The Honours programme is theoretical in its orientation and aims to provide students with a solid and advanced foundation in Psychology as an academic discipline. Students have the opportunity to study a number of sub-disciplines in Psychology. The programme places a strong emphasis on the development of theoretical and research knowledge and skills. Our programme offers students the opportunity to engage critically with contemporary psychosocial issues and to reflect on the relevance of Psychology in the South African context.

Modules may be offered in a year-long, semester or term format. Students will complete two compulsory modules: Research Methodology, and the Research Assignment; and may choose from a list of elective modules each year. The modules offered in a given year may differ from modules offered during previous years. In order to obtain the degree, a student must obtain a minimum of 120 credits.

The exit qualification of the Honours programme in Psychology is a BA (Hons) in Psychology.

The programme focuses on the understanding of human behaviour: intra-psychic and interpersonal processes, normal as well as abnormal behaviour, individual, group, community and societal contexts, with particular emphasis on the psychosocial issues that impact the health and well-being of the South African population.

**Applications** close on the 31st of August

## University of South Africa (UNISA)

### Masters of Arts in Psychology (Dissertation Only)

#### Requirements:

- a) An accredited Honours degree in psychology (not industrial, organisational or educational psychology) with a minimum of 60% (to register for a Master's degree)
- b) A proposal development supervisor is available for you in the department.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to find a supervisor and if we are unable to do so you will not be able to register. To help us, you need to do the following:

#### a) **Formulate a topic and identify prospective supervisors**

Below you will find a list of research focus areas in the department and the names and profiles of our supervisors. Please look through this information and formulate a topic that fits in with the department's and our supervisors' priorities. You will see that we have indicated which supervisors have the capacity to take on additional students, but some of the others may again have spare capacity once their current students graduate.

#### b) **Write a brief topic outline**

The brief topic outline is **not a full research proposal** but should make it clear exactly what it is that you want to research for your dissertation or thesis. Below you will find a more detailed description of the format required for your brief topic outline.

#### c) **Apply**

**Apply via the Unisa website.** Applications usually *open toward the end of October for the following year*. Emailing us is not the same as applying – **\_you have to apply via the Unisa website**. The qualification you have to apply for is “Master of Arts in Psychology General (98402 - GEN)”. This is purely an academic degree that does not lead to registration as a psychologist. Be sure to upload your topic outline as part of your application. Your application will be forwarded to us. We will send your topic outline to potential supervisors and if any are interested and have spare capacity, we will approve your application. If we are unable to find a supervisor, we will, unfortunately, have to decline your application.

#### d) **Register**

Only if we are able to find a supervisor for you and approve your application, will you be able to register. Registration can be done via the Unisa website from January 2021.

## Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Our programme is comprehensive and runs over a two-year full time (face-to-face) period. Our MA Clinical Psychology Degree is a professional degree that leads to registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a Clinical Psychologist (under the auspices of the HPCSA, provided that you adhere to all the requirements of both the academic institution (Unisa) and the HPCSA, including that you pass and successfully complete the MA degree, successfully complete a 12-month internship at an accredited institution, pass the HPCSA board exam and complete a 12-month community service year).

### **Requirements:**

- a) A bachelor's honours degree in Psychology or an accredited BPsych degree.
- b) Students who also hold an appropriate postgraduate diploma or a 480 credit bachelor's degree with a minimum of 96 credits at NQF level 8 in psychology with an average of 60% can apply for admission into the programme.
- c) A student who is admitted on the strength of a postgraduate diploma or a 480 credit bachelor's degree with a minimum of 96 credits at NQF level 8 and who has not completed a module in research methodology may be required to complete such a module (HMPYC80) at NQF level 8 for non-degree purposes (NDP) before he/she will be allowed to register for the module in research of which the outcome is the research proposal. International students must meet the English language requirement.

### **Application dates:**

16 May - 30 June

Selection week: 22-26 August

## Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology

UNISA offers three honours programmes in Psychology:

1. Psychological Counselling
2. Community and Health Psychology
3. Applied Psychology for Professional Contexts

Admission requirements:

- To be admitted a student must have an appropriate Bachelor's degree with Psychology as a major and an average of 60% or more for Psychology 3.
- Students who did not obtain an average of 60% or more for Psychology 3 will NOT be admitted into Honours in Psychology.

Please note: Due to the sharp rise in applications of students who fully comply with the admission requirements we do not consider any applications which do not fully comply with the admission requirements as stated above.

**Application dates:** TBC

## **University of Limpopo**

The University of Limpopo offers a Master of Arts in [Clinical Psychology](#) and a Master of Arts in Research Psychology by Dissertation.

For more information about UL's Master's programmes, visit their [website](#).

## **University of the Free State**

The University of the Free State offers a Masters of Arts in Clinical and Counselling Psychology, and a Masters of Research. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

## **Funding Applications**

### Canon Collins

#### **1. Canon Collins Sol Plaatje Scholarships**

Canon Collins Trust in partnership with Sol Plaatje Educational Project seeks to support exceptional individuals who are committed to social justice in Southern Africa and for whom a postgraduate qualification is an essential tool in working to create an open and just society.

In 2015 the Trust revised its South African scholarship awards policy. We now offer scholarships only to those studying in three areas:

1. Justice, which includes Law, Economics, Politics and the Environment
2. Education: policy and practice
3. Humanities, which includes Literature, History, Anthropology and the Arts

Applications for courses that are not within these areas (for example MBAs, medical sciences, sports sciences, applied sciences) will be rejected.

#### **Requirements:**

To be considered for a scholarship under this programme you must:

- Be a national of, or have refugee status in, one of the following countries: Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe
- Be normally resident in one of the above countries
- Be in possession of a good first degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application
- Be studying or applying to study at a South African university

In 2021, the value of the scholarship package will range from R20,000 to R100,000 depending on student circumstances. We support both full and part-time Masters and PhD level study and will consider applications from those who wish to study by distance learning.

**Application dates:** TBC

## Mandela Rhodes Scholarship

The scholarship combines financial support with a leadership programme that will challenge you, grow you, and connect you to young African changemakers - just like you.

### **The leadership development programme**

Our programme is built on our founding principles of reconciliation, education, entrepreneurship, and leadership, and a belief that leadership begins with inner transformation. We aim to keep Nelson Mandela's legacy alive by equipping young African leaders with the competence and courage to transform the continent into a place where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive. Our programme is delivered primarily through a series of week-long residential workshops which you will attend during your time in residence.

### **Financial support**

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship offers comprehensive funding for the core costs associated with your studies. It covers tuition for a one-year Honours degree or a two-year Master's degree in any field at a recognised South African institution of higher education. This includes tuition and registration fees, allowances for study materials, research, and medical aid, accommodation and meals, personal allowance and economy class travel to and from your home country to your South African university at the beginning and end of your degree. You will also receive a personal allowance.

### **Eligibility criteria**

If you are between the ages of 19 and 29, are a citizen of any African country, and have a first degree with above-average academic results (70% or upper second), you are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

**Application closing date:** Closed



## National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

### **What is NSFAS?**

NSFAS is a government entity under the Department of Higher Education and Training established according to the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999) to provide financial support to disadvantaged students who wish to further their studies at public universities or TVET colleges.

### **What does the bursary cover?**

#### a. University:

- Accommodation  
As per the actual costs charged by the university (costs for private accommodation must not exceed costs for university residence)
- Transport (up to 40 km from the institution) R7 500 per annum
- Living allowance R15 000 per annum
- Book allowances R5200 per annum
- Incidental/personal care allowance R2900 per annum for students in catered residences

#### b. TVET

- Accommodation in an urban area R24,000 per annum
- Accommodation in a peri-urban area R18,900 per annum
- Accommodation in a rural area R15,750 per annum
- Transport (up to 40 km from the institution) R7,350 per annum
- Transport R7000 per annum
- Incidental/personal care allowance R2900 per annum

**Application closing dates:** TBC

## National Research Foundation (NRF)

### Eligibility Criteria:

The NRF minimum academic requirements for postgraduate funding are as follows:

- A minimum average of 65% for major subjects in the final undergraduate year of study for honours funding;
- A minimum average of 65% of all subjects at the honours level OR a minimum average of 65% of all subjects at the Postgraduate diploma OR a minimum average of 65% of the final year subjects of a four-year degree for masters funding;
- A minimum of 65% at the master's level for doctoral funding

The entry age requirement is 28, 30 and 32 years or younger for honours, master's and doctoral studies respectively, in the year of application, regardless of the first year of registration.

Successful applicants will be funded either at **Full Cost Study (FCS)** or **Partial Cost of Study (PCS)**. The FCS funding will be awarded to South African citizens and Permanent Residents only, who are either **financially needy** (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less or equal to R350 000 per annum), **living with a disability** or **exceptional academic achievers**. However, the PCS funding will be awarded to **5% of international students** including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who could not be funded under FCS but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria. Scholarships are intended to support honours, master's and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

Please visit the [NRF website](#) for more information

**Students' Applications Closing Date:** Universities will set their own internal cut-off dates for students' applications and the applicants must abide by those dates.