



School of Psychology Bridging Programme Information Sheet

A *Certificate of Proficiency* is recommended for students who have completed a Bachelor's degree with a major or specialization in Psychology or have taken some Stage I and Stage II Psychology courses. In consultation with one of the Bridging Programme Advisors listed below, this option can help students improve their Grade Point Average/Equivalent or complete the required Stage III points necessary to meet postgraduate study requirements. Please note that this option does *not* result in a *formal qualification*.

The *Graduate Diploma in Science (one year full-time or up to four years part-time)* is recommended for students with very few or no courses in Psychology in their Bachelor's degree. Of the 120 points required for the GradDipSci, a student must pass:

- 45 points from the Stage II Psychology major Schedule;
- at least 75 points above Stage II from the Bachelor of Science Schedule, including 60 points from a Psychology major listed in the Bachelor of Science Schedule.
- If you plan to pursue postgraduate research study (e.g., BSc(Hons) or Masters) you must complete PSYCH 306. Please note that starting in 2026, PSYCH 208 will replace PSYCH 306.

Stage II and III courses may be completed in one year. Several Stage III courses depend heavily on work completed in the corresponding Stage II course. *It is strongly recommended that students complete:*

- PSYCH 201 (Perception & Cognition) before completing PSYCH 303 (Cognitive Science).
- PSYCH 202 (Biopsychology) before completing PSYCH 305 (Human Neuroscience).
- PSYCH 203 (Learning and Behaviour) before completing PSYCH 309 (Learning).

Bridging Advisors will assess exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Please note that the above constraints may limit the Stage III courses that students can enrol in. However, completing the Bridging Programme over two years may allow for a broader selection of Stage III courses.

Important: Completing the Bridging Programme does not guarantee entry into postgraduate courses, as admission is determined through a selection process. Applicants will be ranked for postgraduate courses based on their four highest grades from Stage III Psychology courses. For those applying to the Honours programme (including Clinical), *PSYCH 306* is a prerequisite. Please note that a minimum entry grade cannot be specified, as it varies annually depending on the overall performance of the applicant pool.

Students must apply for and be admitted to The University of Auckland before enrolment in this programme can be approved. To seek approval for courses, students should contact one of the Psychology Bridging Programme Advisors listed below, who will assist in planning their programme.

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