

Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies

Course code: ABCY

Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies, students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- 264 credit points of Core studies including 24 credit points of Capstone studies
- 24 credit points of Psychology Elective studies as required by APAC accreditation

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

Capstone Units

This course includes capstone units, which are third-year level units that are completed at the end of your last year of study. They involve demonstrating the skills and knowledge you have acquired through your course, usually through a large research project or an internship. They have the study load of 2 units, and are worth 24 credit points upon completion.

Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

Campus

Footscray Park (FP)

College

College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT

Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

Duration

3 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>
Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

Timetable

vu.edu.au/timetables

Course Chair

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Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

Year 1

| Unit Code | Unit Title | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|-----------|---|-----------|------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| APP1016 | Foundations of Psychological Research | Core | 1B1 | 12 | FP | |
| ASA1024 | Applied Human Rights | Core | 1B2 | 12 | FP | |
| ASX1003 | Foundations of Social Science Research | Core | 1B3 | 12 | FP | |
| ASW1000 | Working in Human Services Organisations | Core | 1B4 | 12 | FP | |
| ASL1003 | Criminical Justice Systems | Core | 2B1 | 12 | FP | |
| AEB1804 | Young People in a Global Community | Core | 2B2 | 12 | FP | |
| APP1012 | Psychology 1A | Core | 2B3 | 12 | FP | |
| APP1013 | Psychology 1B | Core | 2B4 | 12 | FP | APP1012 |

Pattern of study for 2025 Semester 1 Block 3 Intake:

1B3: APP1016
1B4: ASX1003
2B1: ASW1000
2B2: APP1012
2B3: AEB1804
2B4: APP1013
2026
1B1: ASL1003
1B2: ASA1024
1B3: ASA1024
1B4: APP1013

Pattern of study for 2025 Semester 2 Block 1 Intake:

2B1: APP1016
2B2: ASX1003
2B3: AEB1804
2B4: ASW1000
2026
1B1: ASL1003
1B2: APP1012
1B3: ASA1024
1B4: APP1013

Year 2

| Unit Code | Unit Title | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|-----------|---|-----------|------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|
| ASA2034 | Project Design and Implementation | Core | 1B1 | 12 | FP | |
| ASL2002 | Criminical Justice Systems 2 | Core | 1B2 | 12 | FP | |
| HPP2001 | Developmental Psychology | Core | 1B3 | 12 | FP | APP1013 |
| ECY3001 | Working with Young People with Complex Issues | Core | 1B4 | 12 | FP | |
| APP2013 | Psychology 2A | Core | 2B1 | 12 | FP | APP1012 and APP1013 |
| APP2014 | Psychology 2B | Core | 2B2 | 12 | FP | APP2013 |
| | Psychology Elective | Elective | 2B3 | 12 | FP | |
| ASL2003 | Ethics | Core | 2B4 | 12 | FP | |

Year 3 - Option 1 (ECY3003 and ECY3004)

| Unit Code | Unit Title | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|---------------------|--|-----------|------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|
| APP3034 | History, Theory and Practice of Psychology | Core | 1B1 | 12 | FP | APP2014 and HPP2001 |
| ECY3003 | Youth and Community Industry Preparation | Core | 1B2 | 12 | FP | |
| ECY3004 | Youth and Community Industry Placement | Core | 1B3 | 12 | FP | |
| APP3035 | Research Methods in Psychology | Core | 1B4 | 12 | FP | APP2014 |
| ASS3009 | Sociology of Law | Core | 2B1 | 12 | FP | |
| ASL3001 | Crimincal Justice 3 | Core | 2B2 | 12 | FP | ASL1003 and ASL2002 |
| APP3037 | Clinical Aspects of Psychology | Core | 2B3 | 12 | FP | APP2014 and HPP2001 |
| Psychology Elective | | Elective | 2B4 | 12 | | |

Year 3 - Option 2 (APP3023 and APP3028)

| Unit Code | Unit Title | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|---------------------|--|-----------|------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|
| APP3034 | History, Theories and Practice of Psychology | Core | 1B1 | 12 | FP | APP2014 and HPP2001 |
| APP3035 | Research Methods in Psychology | Core | 1B2 | 12 | FP | APP2014 |
| APP3023 | Psychological Issues in the Workplace | Core | 1B3 | 12 | FP | APP2014 |
| APP3028 | Fieldwork | Core | 1B4 | 12 | FP | APP2014 |
| ASS3009 | Sociology of Law | Core | 2B1 | 12 | FP | |
| ASL3001 | Criminal Justice 3 | Core | 2B2 | 12 | FP | ASL1003 and ASL2002 |
| APP3037 | Clinical Aspects of Psychology | Core | 2B3 | 12 | FP | APP2014 and HPP2001 |
| Psychology Elective | | Elective | 2B4 | 12 | | |

Placement

ABCY students need to complete **one set of capstone units**: Either ECY3003 and ECY3004 or APP3023 and APP2038.

ECY3003 and ECY3004:

Placements can occur at any time throughout the academic year dependent on host organisation needs and student availability. Students negotiate their placement schedule with the workplace supervisor.

[Criminal Justice Industry Placement webpage](#) (further information on selection process for placement can be found here)

Contact: hanna.maxwell@vu.edu.au (Senior Partnerships Officer)

APP3023 and APP3028:

Students will undertake a mandatory fieldwork placement, consisting of 60 hours of placement, and in-class course work. All placement activities for this unit must be pre-approved and authorised by the Undergraduate Psychology Placement Officer. Credit will not be applied retrospectively for unauthorised activities. Students may be required to complete a proportion of the placement hours before undertaking the unit. Students are required to complete APP3023 before APP3028.

[APP3028 placement webpage](#)

Contact: sally-ann.free@vu.edu.au

Psychology Electives

| Unit Code | Unit Title | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| APP3015 | Counselling Theory and Practice | Elective | 1B4, WB, 2B3, 2B4 | 12 | FP | APP2013 |
| APP3018 | Organisations and Work | Elective | 1B4, 2B4 | 12 | FP | APP2013 |
| APP3027 | Relationship and Family Wellbeing | Elective | 1B2, 1B3, 2B3 | 12 | FP | APP2013 |
| APP3019 | Psychobiology | Elective | 1B1, 1B3, 2B3 | 12 | FP | APP2013 |
| APP3016 | Group Behaviour | Elective | 2B3, 2B4 | 12 | FP | APP2013 |