

# 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](http://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	Criminal 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

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

## Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

### Core

A unit that must be completed

### Elective

you have some choice in what you select.

## Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASA2034	Project Design and Implementation	Core	1B1	12	FP	
ASL2002	Criminal 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	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		

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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