**School of Psychology Requirements for the Master of Philosophy**

Entry to the MPhil can be achieved via two main paths. A) honours or coursework masters degree, or B) sufficient performance in a relevant undergraduate discipline. The University expects that students entering without an honours or coursework master degree in a related discipline (i.e., path B) will complete coursework up to 33% of full-time load. In addition to the University requirements, the School of Psychology has specific requirements for entry and progression through the MPhil.

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* Appropriate level of performance in senior subjects of an undergraduate degree in a relevant area as approved at admission

^ In some cases, students with an honours or coursework masters degree may be required to complete coursework

**Students with honours entry can complete the MPhil in 1 year with approval from the Associate Dean of Postgraduate Studies**

**Overview of Entry and School Requirements**

**With Honours (in psychology) or Honours (in related discipline#)**

- H2.1 +
- < H2.1 => Successful case made by Supervisor

**3 year Degree Entry or international degree#**

- USYD Psych: YES => 75+ Honours Application Mark + Training Needs Analysis
  - NO => 75 equivalent+ Successful case made by Supervisor + Training Needs Analysis

*Coursework, see note

#This is NOT an APAC accredited pathway to registration as a psychologist
Core Admission Requirement: All students need to provide an appropriate research proposal and supervisory arrangement (primary and auxiliary supervisors) at admission.

Coursework Requirements: Students identified as needing to meet a coursework requirement must complete the training needs analysis (point 1 below) and present a structured (written) outline for coursework (point 2 below) for consideration at admission (approval by PG admission panel required). The PG admission panel may impose additional requirements.

1. Training Needs Analysis
   (University documentation at: http://sydney.edu.au/graduate_studies_office/students/tna.shtml
   a. Completed by student, supervisor and PG coordinator (admissions) at admission
   b. Acknowledgement that MPhil is not an APAC accredited pathway to registration

2. Coursework: Option a) plus one other option that addresses one or more needs identified in the training needs analysis.
   a. 1 x Honours Special Field Seminar (in a relevant area - REQUIRED)
   b. Independent Study in an Advanced Statistical Technique
      i. 3,500 word review of a relevant statistical technique and its application derived from:
         1. An independent study in a technique relevant to the research area (e.g., factor analysis, multi-level modeling...)
         2. Audit of a statistics course; completion a relevant MOOC
   c. Practical Skill Development
      i. Structured training in an identified lab skill (detailed plan to be approved by PG panel at admission)
      ii. 3,500 word summary of the technical aspects of the skill (for instance, as a manual)
   d. Enrolment in and completion of a PG research methods course

3. Other Requirements
   a. Additional or alternative requirements may be considered necessary by the PG panel at admission

SPECIAL NOTE. No structured participation in a course or unit of study accredited by APAC can be included as part of the required coursework. That is, while participation in any course is permitted, it must be done as one component of 2a (and should not be the only component).

HONOURS
Students eligible for Honours in Psychology are strongly encouraged to complete the honours program rather than the MPhil.

UPGRADING TO PHD
Students with honours entry can apply for an upgrade to a PhD following standard School procedures. Students with the 3-year degree entry must complete the MPhil and apply separately for PhD.