



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

HONOURS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Information

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION AS AN HONOURS STUDENT IN PSYCHOLOGY

- ◆ All non-NMU applicants must complete an Application for Academic Admission to the University, as well as an application for admission to post-graduate studies in psychology (form U.24 (SP4). The completed application forms must be accompanied by a copy of the Bachelor's degree certificate, as well as an **original** statement issued by the previous university on courses passed and symbols attained.
- ◆ <https://www.mandela.ac.za/Study-at-Mandela/Application/Apply-Postgraduate>
- ◆ Current Nelson Mandela University students must complete an application for admission to post – graduate studies in psychology (form U.24 (SP4). Please collect a form from the Postgraduate admissions office or email the PG admission office at postgraduateadmission@mandela.ac.za or postgrad@mandela.ac.za
- ◆ Please note – if you are currently a NMU student, the online admission for Honours will be different that that of a non NMU application. Please follow the link below carefully as documents such as CV, Academic transcript will be required.
- ◆ <https://www.mandela.ac.za/Study-at-Mandela/Application/Apply-Postgraduate>
- ◆ Please note that the programme is a fulltime programme **ONLY**. Please tick fulltime when applying via admissions.
- ◆ Applications for admission to the Honours programme are considered by the Selection Committee of the Department of Psychology. This committee makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Faculty. In the case of candidates from other universities the Executive Committee of the Faculty makes a recommendation to the Council of the University on the granting of status.
- ◆ The closing date for applications is **2nd August 2021**. Each candidate is subsequently notified of the outcome of his/her application through Admissions Office. This would require that the correct contact details be completed on the application form.
- ◆ Registration details will be forwarded to successful candidates. Please note that registration must be renewed annually until studies have been completed and the degree conferred.
- ◆ If you require any additional information. Please contact Dr Konesh Navsaria, email Konesh.navsaria@mandela.ac.za or [Carmen Thurnher](mailto:Carmen.Thurnher@mandela.ac.za), email carmen.thurnher@mandela.ac.za.

- ◆ Completed application forms should be emailed to:-

HonoursPsych@mandela.ac.za

GENERAL INFORMATION

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Nelson Mandela University is an engaged and people centred university that serves the needs of its diverse communities by contributing to sustainable development through excellent academic programmes, research and service delivery.

Our students come from diverse social, religious, and cultural backgrounds. It is our conviction that the experience of diversity is an important component of training in Psychology and that an understanding and appreciation of diversity precedes the achievement of excellence in training.

Diversity is also a feature of the Department's staff component. Staff members in our Department are trained and have professional experience in a variety of orientations to psychological practice. They are registered clinical, counselling, research or educational psychologists. Furthermore, staff members have varied specific fields of interest. The main areas of specialisation in the Department are: personality psychology; psychological testing and assessment; community psychology; clinical health psychology; health and wellness facilitation; investigations into psychotherapeutic processes; the Griffiths Scales of Mental Development; applied child studies; neuropsychological assessment; gender and sexuality; culture, religion and spirituality; critical mental health. Expertise is currently available amongst departmental staff members in these various areas of specialisation.

Because of the diversity of the learner population, as well as the variety in staff expertise and the multifaceted needs profile of the community being served by the University, the Department does not claim to adhere to a single school of orientation. We believe that we can best equip our students by exposing them to a broad theoretical basis.

EVALUATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

Except by permission of the Senate, a person may be admitted as a candidate only if he/she has taken psychology as a major subject for a Bachelor's degree and has obtained a final mark of at

least 65% therein, and complies with such other selection criteria as laid down by the Department of Psychology. It is however, important to note that meeting the entrance requirement does NOT guarantee a place in the programme for any given year. Selection is based primarily on marks, given that the honours in psychology degree, is an academic degree.

LANGUAGE MEDIUM

The medium of instruction is English.

Students will find that most class discussions, seminars and case presentations take place in English. However, members of staff in the department are multilingual which provides students with opportunities to communicate in languages that they are comfortable with.

BURSARIES AND LOANS

Bursaries and loans are awarded annually by the University and a number of outside organisations. A complete list of the available bursaries and loans is obtainable from the Registrar on request.

Applications for bursaries and loans should be lodged with the Registrar. Any assistance in this regard can be obtained from the Bursaries and Loans Office, tel 041-504 2538.

It is the responsibility of each individual to acquire the following information regarding closing dates and qualification of various bursaries.

DURATION OF STUDY

The curriculum extends over one academic year of full-time study. Candidates must complete modules to the minimum value of 122 credits.

CURRICULUM

Module Name	Module Code	Credits
Community Psychology	SP440	10
Psychological Testing and Assessment	SP460	14
Psychometrics	SP470	11
Psychopathology	SP461	10
Research Methodology	SP471	2
	SPNM41	2
	1	3
	SMR411	
Neuropsychology	SP451	10
Psychological Intervention	SP452	10
Personality Psychology	SP442	10
Data Analysis	SP462	10
Treatise	SP450	30

Further information pertaining to the curriculum can be obtained from the course co-ordinator, Dr K Navsaria.

SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be handed in before 12 o' clock at the Research Labs (070G26) on the date stipulated for each module. Please note that **NO** late assignments will be accepted. Students are required to fill in an assignment receipt, to show proof of submission. This receipt is to be kept safe until the student has graduated.

EXAMINATIONS

Students will be assessed on a continuous basis on the course work completed. The assessment will consist of the evaluation of theoretical knowledge.

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o Booksellers

Van Schaik Bookstore can be found close to the campus and sells textbooks and stationery. Credit facilities are available on submission of application.

o Banks

Standard Bank has a branch on the Nelson Mandela University campus. In addition, First National Bank, and ABSA have automatic teller machines on campus.

o Cafeteria

A self-service cafeteria (the Kraal) provides meals and refreshments. There is also a coffee shop called Rendezvous that caters for both international students as well as our local students'.

o Office Hours

The administrative offices of the University are open between 08h30 and 16h00 week days only, with exception of a lunch break between 13:00- 14: 00pm every week day. Each individual lecturer has their own consultations times, of which student are to make note of.

FURTHER STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

Far-reaching changes in the field of psychology were introduced in 1999. There are now three categories of professionals – Registered Counsellors, Psychometrist and Registered Psychologists. A honours degree in Psychology will enable you to apply for admission to a masters/ doctoral training programme to become a psychologist as well as the Psychometry Internship programme. **However, acceptance into our honours programme does not guarantee acceptance into the Psychometry and Masters programme at Nelson Mandela University the following year.**

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