

PSYCHOLOGY

Together, Learning for Health

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and mental processes. It has become one of the most important and widely applicable disciplines with its popularity being largely due to the discipline's authority in unraveling one of the most frequently asked questions in our society, for example, why do people do the things they do?



“The psychology programme at IMU is a unique one that will provide students with the necessary academic knowledge of both psychological theory and practice for their future career. Psychology at IMU is taught through lectures, seminars, group discussions and practical projects carried out in and outside the laboratories to enable students to gain personal experience. A psychology degree from IMU could be the first step in a career in one of the applied fields of psychology, such as Clinical, Health, Organisational, and Forensic Psychology or in Scientific Research.”

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Psychology encompasses a broad spectrum of subjects including biology, physiology, sociology, anthropology and statistics. Persons trained in psychology can contribute significantly in a variety of settings. For example, in a clinical environment, psychologists work with other medical personnel to study, manage and prevent physical and psychological disorders. In corporate organisations, psychologists are involved with the recruitment, counselling or training of employees. In the area of education, psychologists identify and assist people who need help with learning issues and support teachers in the implementation of learning strategies. A sports psychologist works with athletes to maximise their physical and mental abilities. Regardless of the context in which psychologists work, all psychologists are trained to use principles of psychology to observe, assess, analyse and provide appropriate evidence-based interventions for the needs of our society.

Due to the versatility of the discipline, psychology is fast becoming one of the most sought after subjects among University students in countries such as the United Kingdom, United States of America and Australia. A similar trend is being observed in Southeast Asia as the contributions of psychology to the health, education and corporate sectors become more recognised. Under the leadership of Professor Ray Wilks, undergraduate study in psychology at IMU provides a sound basis for further professional training and research at the MSc or PhD level in psychology. The psychology programme at IMU provides the important intellectual tools for those considering careers in management, law, education, social work, public relations, and health-related professions.

01 | Why choose this particular programme?

The IMU Psychology programme is designed to meet the aforementioned needs. This programme plays a pivotal role in training well-qualified personnel with skills in line with the healthcare needs of the nation. IMU's psychology graduates are competent in understanding health behaviour from a holistic and evidence-based perspective. Consequently, they will contribute significantly to the promotion of health and prevention of mental health problems in Malaysia.

02 | What is the structure of the programme?

In order to foster the best integration of theory and practice, students are provided with a challenging academic environment as well as opportunities to observe psychology being applied in real-life settings. Supervised practical attachments to various government and non-government organisations such as hospitals, rehabilitation centres and care-homes enable students to further consolidate their understanding and application of psychology. In addition, these attachments will provide students with the invaluable experience of working with various communities.

YEAR	MODE OF DELIVERY
First year	Mainly Teacher-led
Second Year	Teacher-led + Student-led
Third year	Mainly Student-led

03 | What are the aims and key features of the programme?

The programme aims to produce students who are capable of:

- Understanding the scientific and dynamic interrelationships between mind and behaviour
- Interpreting theories and concepts from an eclectic perspective
- Applying psychological principles to real life contexts, particularly in health-related settings
- Critically evaluating the development, application and revision of empirical data
- Mastering the process of developing, conducting, analysing, interpreting and disseminating research
- Conducting themselves ethically and professionally while working with clients, other professionals and the community at large

KEY FACTS

DEGREE

Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology (IMU) or Psychology Degrees from Partner Universities

TOTAL DURATION

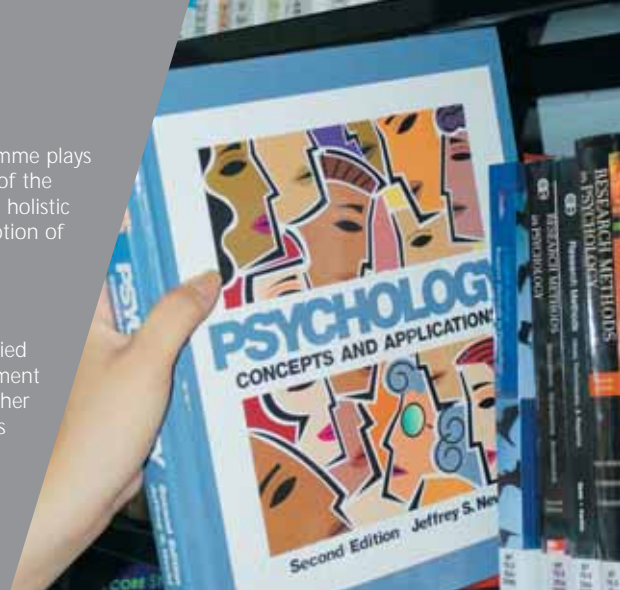
3 – 4½ years

INTAKE

February and July

Credit transfer options to the University of Newcastle, Australia and University of Strathclyde, Scotland.

Traditional lectures, computer lab assignments, and hands-on activities combined with student-directed learning provides a unique educational experience for students



04 | What are the distinguishing features of the psychology programme?

Focus on Health

As noted previously, the programme focuses on preparing students to work in health-related fields or pursue postgraduate studies in psychology, particularly clinical, health or counselling psychology.

Evidence-Based Practice

Students will be rigorously trained to embrace an evidence-based practice. Throughout the programme, students will be challenged to critically evaluate existing theories, research methods and findings with the aim to foster decision-making based on facts rather than mere intuition or personal opinions.

Communication Skills Training

Having good verbal and written communication skills is essential for all psychologists. IMU graduates will be competent in oral presentation, written communication and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Interdisciplinary Culture

Due to the recent changing needs in healthcare, there is a trend towards multidisciplinary management of health. As a medical institution that trains various medical personnel including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and other allied health professionals, IMU provides its psychology students with the environment to experience and appreciate the benefits of interdisciplinary practice. Students enrolled in the psychology programme are given ample opportunities to work with students from other disciplines.

Collaborations with International Universities

IMU is forging meaningful links with a number of international universities to enable credit transfer, staff exchanges and collaborative research opportunities.

International Perspective

Psychology staff come from many countries and are therefore able to inject a unique international perspective into their teaching, enabling IMU students to have a global, multicultural outlook.



Counselling psychologist conducting a session with a client



Clinical psychologist assessing a child's spatial



05 | What are the semester contents?

Semester 1

- Introductory Psychology
- Infancy and Childhood
- Social Psychology
- Communication
- Intelligence
- MOA Subjects

Semester 2

- Biopsychology
- Adolescence

- Motivation and Emotion
- Personality
- Research Methods
- MOA Subjects

Semester 3

- Statistics I
- Memory
- Adulthood
- Sensation and Perception
- Learning
- Cognitive Psychology

Semester 4

- Intro to Psychological Testing
- Abnormal Psychology
- Drugs and Behaviour
- Statistics II
- Health Psychology
- Elective Module 1: Neuropsychology, Creativity and Innovation, Psychology of Language and Human Sexuality

Semester 5

- Behaviour Modification
- Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- Introduction to Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Elective Module 2: Psychology of Ageing, Psychology of Media, Anxiety Disorder and Sports Psychology
- Thesis I

- MOA Subjects

Semester 6

- Cross Cultural Psychology
- Assessment and Treatment of Psychological Disorder
- History and Trends in Psychology
- Professional and Ethical Issues in Psychology

- Elective Module 3: Industrial & Organisational Psychology, Depression, Positive Psychology & Psychology of Eating Behaviour
- Thesis II

06 | What are the teaching-learning approaches used?

Students learn through lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, role-plays, debates, discussions, presentations and self-directed learning activities.

TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES

Lectures, Seminars, Workshops, Tutorials and Labs

STUDENT-LED ACTIVITIES

Role-play, Debates, Discussions, In-class presentations, Health campaigns, In-house conference and E-Lab

Psychologist working through relationship issues with a couple



Assessing
ability



Sport psychologist helping athletes to
increase their focus



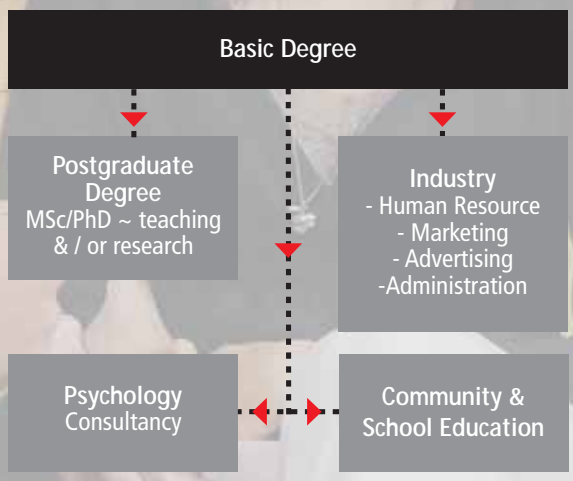
Organisational psychologist
presenting results in a meeting

“Lecturers come from diverse backgrounds and are keen to share their personal experiences in their own fields of psychology. This makes our learning experience enjoyable, interesting and rewarding.”

Grace Wong
1st year
Psychology student



Career Paths for Psychologists in Malaysia



07 | Who are the teaching staff?

The multi-cultural staff teaching this programme are specialised in these areas:

- Developmental Psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Organisational Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Sports Psychology

08 | How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through:

- Multiple Choice Questions
- Short Answer Questions
- Case studies
- Essays
- Poster Presentations
- Oral Presentations
- Conducting campaigns
- Dissertations

09 | What is the medium of instruction?

The medium of instruction is English. Students who come from a system of education in which the medium of instruction is not English are strongly recommended to improve their proficiency in English by making their own arrangements to attend additional English Language classes before entering the IMU.

10 | Who will award the degree?

The Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology degree is awarded by IMU. The partner universities will award their respective degrees to students who transfer to their schools.

11 | What sort of jobs/careers can be undertaken with this degree?

The Graduates in Psychology from IMU will be well qualified for professional employment in health management, social research and other human services. They can also pursue further studies towards becoming, for example, a clinical, organisational or forensic psychologist or working in other specialist fields of psychology.

Graduates in psychology from IMU can embark on a wide range of careers. These include:

- Management training in industry and the public sector
- Human resources management
- Work in the financial sector
- Management consultancy
- Journalism
- Recruitment consultancy
- University administration

A large proportion can go on to postgraduate training, leading to professional careers as psychologists in various specialist areas, such as:

- Occupational psychology
- Clinical psychology
- Health psychology
- Counselling psychology
- Educational psychology
- Forensic psychology

12 | When do I apply for a place in IMU?

You can apply once you have your forecast or actual results.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Arts and science stream students are eligible to apply

EXAMINATIONS	REQUIREMENTS
A-Levels	CCD or equivalent
STPM	CCC or equivalent
Australian Matriculation	70% aggregate
NCEA Level 3	60%
Canadian Grade 12/13	70% aggregate
Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)	B5 B6 B6 B6 B6
Australian University Foundation Programmes	70% aggregate
Indian Pre-University	70% aggregate
Ministry of Education Matriculation	cGPA 2.5
Diploma in Science (UiTM)	cGPA 2.5
Diploma in Microbiology (UiTM)	cGPA 2.5
International Baccalaureate (IB)	26 points
American High School Diploma with Advanced Placement (AP)	cGPA 2.7 (two subjects must be AP courses)
Foundation in Biosciences	cGPA 2.5
Foundation in Engineering	cGPA 2.5
Foundation in Science	cGPA 2.5
Degree	Refer to university
Diploma	cGPA 2.5
Foundation in Arts	cGPA 2.5

Students who do not meet the above criteria but have obtained the equivalent of 2 principal passes at A-Levels / STPM may make an appeal to the University.

The IMU reserves the right to change these admission requirements from time to time.

English Language Requirement

Applicants are required to have one of these at the point of entry:

MUET	Band score of 4 (for Malaysian students only)
IELTS	Overall band score of 6.5
TOEFL	At least 550 (Paper based test) or 79-80 (Internet based test)

The Ministry of Higher Education stipulates that all students entering universities in Malaysia must sit for MUET regardless of having other English qualifications. International students are not required to sit for the MUET. All registered students are required to take the IMU Diagnostic Language Test during the first and fourth semester.

The International Medical University began in 1992 as the International Medical College, or IMC, Malaysia's first private medical college. IMC became a University in 1999, but the University has remained true to key elements of the IMC vision, which are to widen access to professional healthcare education, and to use innovative, integrated and student-centred means in providing that education.

This vision required strong links to be forged, from the outset, with reputable Partner Medical Schools committed to excellence and who share our educational philosophy. It was our progressive, systems based, integrated medical curriculum that first caught the imagination of our Partner Medical Schools, and today we collaborate with such Schools in Australasia, North America, Ireland and the United Kingdom. We have a Partner Pharmacy School in Scotland and in Australia and are establishing more partnerships in Australia.

Since 1999, the University's growth and development has been in developing clinical schools in Seremban and Batu Pahat, our own Honours degree courses in Pharmacy and Nursing, and in establishing research as a core activity, together with development of postgraduate research Masters and PhD programmes. We are already the preferred private school for medicine and pharmacy in Malaysia. Our growth has been supported by heavy investment in infrastructure development and expansion at Bukit Jalil and Seremban, and in the recruitment of staff of high calibre. In 2008, we have introduced Honours degree courses in Dentistry, Nutrition & Dietetics, Medical Biotechnology, Psychology, Biomedical Science and in Pharmaceutical Chemistry. In common with our MBBS, BPharm and BNursing, these courses have been designed from first principles by our faculty. Bachelor of Nursing Science (Hons) was introduced in 2009, a programme targeted solely for registered nurses to upgrade their qualification from diploma level to a degree level. In 2010, we introduced Chiropractic programme, the first of its kind and only complete educational programme in Malaysia as well as in all of Southeast Asia. In future, the university is planning to offer an undergraduate programme in Chinese Medicine. We believe our courses to be progressive and innovative, and we strive to use best practice in their delivery and assessment.

IMU Clinical School, Batu Pahat



IMU Clinical School, Seremban

IMU Bukit Jalil Campus





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KP/JPS(KR6707)10/2010, KPT/JPS(A1746)7/2014
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
KPT/JPS(KA8229)12/2012
- Nursing
KP/JPS(A4675)4/2014
- Nursing Science (for registered nurses)
KPT/JPS(KA9377)01/2013
- Medical Biotechnology
KPT/JPS(KA8228)8/2012
- Nutrition & Dietetics
KPT/JPS(KA8176)8/2012
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KPT/JPS(KA8177)8/2012
- Biomedical Science
KPT/JPS(KA8230)11/2012
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