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**Graduate Certificate in Child Development**  
**(7419)**  
**GUIDE**

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## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Award Name:	Graduate Certificate in Child Development
Abbreviated Award Name:	GCChildDev
Program Code:	7419
Program Type:	Postgraduate Coursework
Delivery Mode:	Online
Duration:	1 year part-time
Number of Courses:	6
Commencement:	March (Hexamester 2)
Number of Hexamesters/Year:	6 hexamesters/year
Hexamester Length:	6 weeks
Academic Calendar:	<a href="#">UNSW Hexamester Academic Calendar</a>
Fees:	<a href="https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/fees">https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/fees</a>
Professional Recognition:	Completion of this program will allow students to apply specialised knowledge of Cognitive and Behavioural Developmental Psychology in their existing professions and as a pathway for further learning

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## IMPORTANT

This program is delivered using the [UNSW Hexamester Academic Calendar](#). The program's key dates and some policies may be different to those applicable to students enrolled in standard UNSW programs using the standard academic calendar.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Child Development should refer to the information in this guide book (available from [School's Postgraduate Resources Page](#)) and the [7419 Degree Page](#).

Please contact [gcchilddev@unsw.edu.au](mailto:gcchilddev@unsw.edu.au) for any enquiries relating to this program.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Psychology is a discipline of both scientific research and applied practice. As a science, psychology is concerned with the study of behavior and its underlying mental and neural processes.

The Graduate Certificate in Child Development will provide students with knowledge of psychological principles and skills to apply to their work with children.

Learning from academics and researchers in the fields of developmental, behavioural and cognitive psychology, students will gain an understanding of:

- The distinction between typical and atypical development
- Age-appropriate capabilities and performance expectations
- The foundations and neurobiological underpinnings of learning and cognition and how these principles promote good behaviour and decision-making
- Factors that influence long-term memory consolidation and enhance attention
- Development, management, and treatment of common childhood disorders
- Factors that promote well-being and resilience.

Students will also develop an understanding of the scientific method, which will equip them with skills to apply an evidence-based approach to their work and improve outcomes for children with diverse needs in their care.

The Graduate Certificate in Child Development provides an opportunity to gain specialised knowledge of Cognitive and Behavioural Developmental Psychology which can be applied in various professional contexts and as a pathway for further learning. This program is delivered 100% online, allowing for flexible learning.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

These program outcomes are aligned with the Australian Qualification Framework Level 8 and the University of New South Wales Graduate Attributes.

Upon successful completion of this program, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in the core topics of psychology, with a particular focus on the field of child development.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to evaluate and apply research methods in psychology.
3. Develop and apply critical thinking skills that use logic, evidence and psychological science in understanding human behaviour and mental processes early in life.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of appropriate values and ethics in psychology as they relate to the study of child development.
5. Develop effective communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
6. Apply knowledge and skills of psychology in a manner that is reflective, culturally appropriate and sensitive to the diversity of individuals.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This program consists of 6 core courses, each course is worth 6 Units of Credit (6 UOC). Students must complete all 6 courses (total 36 UOC) to be awarded the Graduate Certificate.

Please refer to course descriptions below for more information about each course.

### Introductory Courses

#### [PSYC5111](#) - Evaluating Evidence

This course provides students with knowledge about the characteristics of the scientific method in general, with a particular focus on experimental methodology, experimental design, and data analysis in the behavioural sciences. It provides a comprehensive foundation in critical thinking, enabling students to understand and critically evaluate published research, and discriminate between evidence-based information and pseudoscience. This includes a background in the design and execution of empirical studies, a basic understanding of statistics and its function in scientific research, the interpretation of experimental findings, and the ability to evaluate conclusions and extrapolate their implications in broader contexts. Students will explore different methodological approaches and data collection and analytic techniques via online lectures and discussion, as well as gaining practical experience in experimental design and the critical evaluation of research.

#### [PSYC5112](#) - Introduction to Psychology

This course introduces the principles and methods of psychology as a basic science, with specific reference to fundamental topics that will prove relevant to the study of child development. Students will explore the social and biological bases of behaviour in introductory topics including: Human Development, Attention and Memory, Learning and Cognition, Personality and Social Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, and Health Psychology. In addition, students will be trained in the methods of psychological inquiry and the critical evaluation of research.

### Intermediate Course

#### [PSYC5113](#) - Child Development

This course will address topics relating to the development and interaction of biological, cognitive, emotional, and social processes across the stages of early life, including prenatal, infancy, childhood, and adolescence. Course content will review the research methodology, findings, and contemporary theories relating to the normal development of perception, cognition, social interaction, and emotion. Students will gain experience in the design and evaluation of empirical research in the area of developmental psychology, and the application of this research in broader societal contexts.

#### [PSYC5114](#) - Learning and Cognition

This course will address advanced-level topics relating to learning and cognition. These include models of associative learning, the biological and physiological basis of learning, decision-making (choice, control, and judgement), models of attention and memory, and thinking and reasoning. In addition, this course will discuss the ways in which theories and models of learning and cognition can be applied in

child development and education. Course content will review the research methodology, findings, and contemporary theories relating to fundamental learning and cognitive processes. Students will gain experience in conducting empirical research, scientific writing, and the application of theoretical and empirical research to real-world situations.

## Advanced Courses

### [PSYC5115](#) - Developmental Psychopathology

This course will provide an in-depth examination of the most common developmental disorders affecting children and adolescents, including attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), conduct disorder (CD), oppositional defiance disorder (ODD) and eating disorders (ED), as well as autism and learning disabilities. Course content will address contemporary research findings and theories relating to the aetiology and treatment of these conditions, as well as discussion around what is and is not a disorder in the context of official diagnostic criteria and individual variation in developmental milestones and capabilities. Students will gain experience in the design and implementation of empirical research into developmental disorders, as well as the application of psychological tools and interventions in clinical settings.

### [PSYC5116](#) - Wellbeing and Resilience

This course will address advanced-level topics relating to the development and maintenance of wellbeing and resilience in children and adolescents. These include self-esteem, self-efficacy, coping, risk-taking, and responsibility. Course content will involve a critical review of current research findings and contemporary theories pertaining to development within these topic areas, as well as a discussion of factors that can interact with and obstruct this development. Students will develop skills in the creation of novel research questions, translating empirical data to real-world contexts with practical applications, and disseminating scientific ideas in a variety of formats for different purposes.

## PROGRAM DELIVERY & PROGRESSION RULES

Each course is delivered 100% online through [Moodle](#) for 6 weeks.

There is 1 point of entry to the GCChildDev program each year (Hexamester 2) and there are 6 hexamesters or enrolment points per year.

Students may enrol in a maximum of one course per hexamester. Due to the intensive nature of the program, under no circumstances will requests for enrolment into more than one course per hexamester be granted.

Students must complete the introductory courses (PSYC5111, PSYC5112) before proceeding to the intermediate courses (PSYC5113, PSYC5114), and the intermediate courses before proceeding to the advanced courses (PSYC5115, PSYC5116). At each stage (introductory/intermediate/advanced), students may complete the two courses in the same stage in either order, according to what suits their individual pattern of study, subject to courses availabilities.

Students who have completed courses equivalent to PSYC5111, PSYC5112 and/or PSYC5113 as a part of prior degree within 7 years prior to program commencement may apply for credit transfer. Students who were granted credit transfer for these courses will not be required to complete these units.

Credit transfer will not be granted for courses other than PSYC5111, PSYC5112 and PSYC5113.

Credit transfer will not be granted for courses completed more than 7 years prior to program commencement, as the content of these courses has been updated based on the current research.

Students will have a maximum of 10 years to complete the program.

Although designed to be taken as part-time study which allows for full-time employment, please note that this is an intensive program of study with expected level of engagement of 18-19 hours per week.

Students are expected to be aware of any time difference for tutorial times and assessments due dates & times (see [Assessment](#) section below).

If students are undertaking the program from overseas (outside Australia), students have the responsibility to ensure that they have stable access to the internet and are not prevented from accessing any of the online material, including library and open resources.

## ENROLMENT AND PROGRESSION PLAN

Students are required to self-enrol into courses online via [myUNSW](#) prior to each hexamester (see [Enrolment Guide](#) on how to enrol and [Key Dates](#) for enrolment deadlines).

Students have the responsibility to self-enrol in the correct course sequence by each hexamester's [Enrolment Deadline](#) and to ensure that they are following the progression rules and are on track to complete the program.

**Non-enrolment will lead to automatic withdrawal from the program after the census date.** If the student is not planning to study in any hexamester (e.g. taking breaks between hexamesters), students must apply for program leave for relevant hexamester before the census date (see [Program Leave](#)).

Progression through the program depends on when students start the program and the availability of courses throughout the year. Typical annual course availability and the typical program progression plan can be seen in the [Appendix](#).

Note that the typical progression plan is based on the assumption of full enrolment in all available hexamesters without any credit transfer and/or program leave. If students are granted credit transfer and/or on leave for certain hexamester/s, students will need to adjust their progression plan accordingly.

Students are expected to comply with all of the students code of conducts as well as university rules, policies and procedures at all times.

## WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE

You can drop your enrolled course via [myUNSW](#) until the AW Deadline (inclusive), which falls on Friday Week 6 in each hexamester. There are implications for your financial liability and academic record, depending on the timing at which you drop a course.

Please refer to the [program's Key Dates](#) and contact [GCChildDev General Enquiry](#) for any enquiry.

### On or before Census Date

The Census Date is the last day to drop a course without having to pay the tuition fee and without academic penalty.

If you drop a course on or before the Census Date:

- You will **not** be financially liable for the course.
- The course will **not** appear on your transcript.
- The course will **not** be included in the calculation of your Weighted Average Mark (WAM).
- The course will **not** be included in the calculation of your [academic standing](#).

### After Census Date and on or before the AW Deadline

If you drop a course within this period:

- You **will** be financially liable for the course.
- The course **will** appear on your academic transcript with a grade of [AW \(Academic Withdrawal\)](#).
- The course will **not** be included in the calculation of your WAM.
- The course **will** be included in the calculation of your [academic standing](#) and academic progression, as units of credit attempted but not passed.

### After the AW Deadline

You are not able to drop a course after the AW Deadline. You will be assigned the final mark and grade awarded to you by your Course Authority.

## Special Circumstances

In defined special circumstances, you can apply for [Fee Remission](#). If successful:

- The course fees (excluding SSAF) **will** be re-credited, remitted or refunded, whichever is applicable
- The course will **not** appear on your transcript
- The course **will** remain in your record with a grade of [PW \(Permitted Withdrawal\)](#)
- The course will **not** be included in the calculation of your WAM and will **not** count towards your [academic standing](#)



## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

The Graduate Certificate in Child Development is an intensive program. The shortened length of teaching periods (6-week hexamesters) means that students must be able to complete all components of the course in a timely manner. It is the responsibility of the students to ensure that they complete all of the assigned work in each weekly module, including the following: watching all lectures, attending 100% of the online tutorials (either synchronously or asynchronously), completing the readings, learning activities, assessment preparation and assessment tasks.

### Attendance

Students are required to attend 100% of online tutorial classes in a course. The tutorials for the Graduate Certificate in Child Development are all held online, using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, available on the Moodle course page. During tutorials, Convenors and students will have live discussions about the weekly materials in a webinar format. Students are strongly encouraged to log on at the time of the tutorial in order to participate in synchronous tutorial discussions. Logging on to attend the live tutorial class will also provide students with the opportunity to ask their Convenor questions about the course and assessment content.

If you are unable to attend the synchronous tutorial (live at the time of the tutorial), you will be required to log on and view the recorded tutorial and read the comments left by your fellow students. You must then post comments on the tutorial discussion board to indicate that you have participated in the tutorial in an asynchronous manner.

Tutorial attendance is monitored. Your name will be recorded when you log on to the synchronous tutorial class OR when you view the tutorial recording and post a comment if you participated in the tutorial in an asynchronous manner. Failure to meet the 100% specified attendance requirements may result in course failure.

Explanations for an occasional absence from a class or requests for permission to be absent from a class should be discussed with the Course Convenor, and where applicable, accompanied by a medical certificate.

### Moodle – Online Course Content

All courses in Graduate Certificate in Child Development program are delivered online through [Moodle](#) (also accessible via [myUNSW](#)). Course content will be made available from the first day of the hexamester and will be gradually added every week.

See [UNSW Moodle Support for Students](#) for more information and contact [GCChildDev General Enquiry](#) if your course is not listed on Moodle once the hexamester has commenced.

## ASSESSMENTS

**Students are expected to complete all assessment tasks for a course except for those specifically identified as optional. Failure to submit compulsory assessment will result in automatic failure of the course.**

For each course, check the Course Outline and refer to the information uploaded by your Course Convenor in Moodle to make sure you are clear about what assessment tasks are required and when the deadline is for each.

All assessments dates and deadlines are based on Australian Eastern Standard or Daylight Time:

- Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) is in use from the first Sunday in October to the first Sunday in April during Daylight Saving Time (DST);
- Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) is used during the remainder of the year.

Below are general assessment types required for completion of GD Psych courses.

### **(i) Individual Written Assignments**

#### ***Submission***

Students are required to submit an electronic copy of their assignment to the School via the course Moodle site. In most cases, the electronic version of the assignment should be submitted through the Turnitin link on Moodle for plagiarism checking.

Instruction regarding online submission will be provided in Course Outline and uploaded by your Course Convenor in Moodle. The School takes no responsibility for assignments submitted in ways other than what specified.

#### ***Late Penalty***

Failure to meet the submission deadline (“the initial deadline”) will attract late penalty. Students can submit an assignment late for **up to 7 working days after initial deadline**, but late penalty of 5 marks will be deducted for each day (including weekend days) it is overdue.

For example, if your assignment was marked 75, and you have submitted this assignment three days after the initial deadline, a penalty of fifteen marks will be deducted from your mark, and your final mark for the assignment will be 60.

The date it was submitted online via Moodle will be used to determine whether an assignment is overdue.

Assignments submitted late may not receive detailed feedback from markers.

Assignment submitted more than 7 working days after initial deadline will NOT be marked and will result in a mark of zero for the assignment

#### ***Request to Waive Late Penalty***

Students are expected to manage their time to meet deadlines and to request extensions as early as possible before the deadline.

If circumstances outside students’ control have impacted their ability to submit an assessment by initial deadline, they may apply for Special Consideration online (see [Special Consideration](#) section below).

Due to the intensive nature of the program, under no circumstances will an extension be given for longer than **3 working days** after the initial deadline.

**If you are a student registered with UNSW Equitable Learning Services (ELS)**, and an Equitable Learning Plan (ELP) authorises extensions for assignment submission, you do not need to apply for Special Consideration irrespective of the weight of the assignment. ***Instead, you are required to email the Course Convenor at least one week prior to the assessment deadline to request an extension***—unless the ELP specifically stipulates that you are not required to do so.

The period of extension cannot be longer than 7 working days after the initial deadline.

If you do not comply with the responsibilities indicated in your ELP, you will not be granted any adjustments. If your ELP does not include an authorisation for late submission, you are subject to the same rules applicable to other students (see [Special Consideration](#) section below).

#### **(ii) Group Work**

No extensions will be granted for group work.

#### **(iii) Oral Presentations**

Students will be required to complete oral presentations. This will take the form of both live online presentations to the class and uploading videos of your oral presentation for your Convenor/class to view.

#### **(iv) Peer Review**

No extensions will be granted for peer review.

#### **(v) Exams and Secured Quizzes**

It is students' responsibility to check the Course Outline for the dates of, and make themselves available for, these exams and secured quizzes.

If you miss one of these exams due to unexpected short-term illness, misadventure, or other circumstances beyond your control and wish to sit a supplementary exam, you are required to apply for Special Consideration online. ***Students registered with UNSW Equitable Learning Services are no exception.*** See [Special Consideration](#) section below.

Please note that technical issues with your computer or internet connection will not be considered as grounds for misadventure. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a functional computer and secure and stable internet connection.

### [Special Consideration](#)

If you find that unexpected short-term illness, misadventure, or other circumstances beyond your control may prevent you from completing a course requirement or attending classes, or may significantly affect your performance in assessable work, you can apply for [Special Consideration](#).

You must apply for Special Consideration as soon as possible after the issue occurs or at the latest, **within 3 working days** of the assessment and must provide the required supporting documents at the time of application. Failure to do so will result in your application being rejected.

The circumstances must have occurred during an important study or assessment period and lasted for 3 days consecutively or a total of 5 days, or prevented you from completing an assessment on a specific due date.

Please see [UNSW Special Consideration page](#) for information about when to apply, list of applicable circumstances, required supporting documents and how to apply.

UNSW operates under a **Fit to Sit/Submit** rule for all assessments. If a student wishes to apply for special consideration for an exam or assessment, the application must be submitted prior to the start of the exam or before an assessment is submitted. If a student sits the exam/submits an assignment, they are declaring themselves well enough to do so and are unable to subsequently apply for Special Consideration.

**NB: Due to the intensive nature of the Graduate Certificate, it would be unreasonable to expect students that suffer misadventure/illness or other personal issues that lead to them missing more than two weeks of the program, to complete the course. Given the intensive nature of the course, students in this position would have missed over 30% of the course content and it would be unreasonable to expect students to be able to satisfactorily complete the course under these circumstances. In this situation, students will be required to apply for [Fee Remission](#) (see [Special Circumstances](#) section).**

**NB: Please be aware that not all courses are offered in every intake and some courses might reach full capacity before the enrolment deadline. You should check how withdrawal from or failure of a course may affect your program progression. This is of particular importance if you withdraw from/fail a course which is a pre-requisite for another course:**

- **Introductory courses (PSYC5111, PSYC5112) are pre-requisites for the intermediate courses (PSYC5113, PSYC5114).**
- **Introductory and Intermediate Courses (PSYC5111 – PSYC5114) are pre-requisites for the Advanced Courses (PSYC5115, PSYC5116).**

## Assessment Feedback

Assessments will be marked and returned to students **within 10 working days** from the assessment submission date. Students will receive a mark for the assessment and written/audio comments from the marker. Students who would like further feedback on their assessment should contact the Course Convenor within 5 working days of the return of marks for the assessment.

## Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence – such as ChatGPT – in UNSW Assessments

As the assessment tasks in the program involve some planning and creative processes, you may use software to generate initial ideas, though keep in mind that ideas and output generated by such software are often poor or inaccurate.

In any case, you must develop or edit those ideas to such a significant extent that what is submitted is your own work, i.e. only occasional AI-generated words or phrases may form part of your final submission. It is a good idea to keep copies of the initial prompts in case there is any uncertainty about the originality of your work.

If outputs of generative AI such as ChatGPT form any more than an occasional part of your submission, it will be regarded as serious academic misconduct and subject to the standard penalties, which may include 00FL, suspension and exclusion.

## FINAL MARKS FOR A COURSE

Final marks for a course are calculated from the summation of component marks for a course (with weightings indicated in the Course Outline).

Students can view the final mark and grade for completed courses by viewing/downloading their Academic Statement at [myUNSW](#).

Results for any hexamester will be available from 4pm on Release of Results day (see [program's Key Dates](#)).

### Review of Results

A review of a Final Mark for a course may take one of two forms:

1. Checking of marks – an administrative check that all marks have been included in the final composite mark;
2. Re-assessment – an academic re-assessment of a piece of work.

When applying for re-assessment or Review of Results for any assignment, **students are required to give valid reasons to justify their request**. Where insufficient or invalid reasons are given, the School may decline to take action. Please note that if you request a re-assessment of your result, this will include a check of the addition of marks.

A review of results may result in the mark going up or down.

The Review of Results request must be submitted online **no later than 5 working days** after the return of the piece of work or after the course results are officially released for the hexamester, whichever is earlier. All marked work returned to students must be kept in case it is needed for re-marking.

See [UNSW Review of Results](#) page for more information about the process, including the list of circumstances that are not accepted as valid reasons to apply.

## COURSE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Courses are periodically reviewed and students' feedback is used to improve them. Feedback is gathered using various means, including [UNSW myExperience](#) survey.

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The University is committed to the pursuit of excellence in learning, teaching and research, and to community engagement. The Student Code sets out the University's expectations of students with respect to their academic and personal conduct and outlines the University's responsibilities to students.

**Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the Student Code Policy, which incorporates the Student Code, and the Student Misconduct Procedures. They are available at: [UNSW Student Code of Conduct](#)**

## PLAGIARISM: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

### What is plagiarism?

[Plagiarism](#) is presenting someone else's thoughts or work as your own. It can take many forms, from not having appropriate academic referencing to deliberate cheating.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

- **Copying:** Using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment, without appropriate acknowledgement.
- **Inappropriate paraphrasing:** Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.
- **Collusion:** Presenting work as independent work when it has been produced in whole or part in collusion with other people. Collusion includes students providing their work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task and passing it off as your own, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work. This should not be confused with academic collaboration.
- **Inappropriate citation:** Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.
- **Self-plagiarism:** "Self-plagiarism" occurs where an author republishes their own previously written work and presents it as new findings without referencing the earlier work, either in its entirety or partially. Self-plagiarism is also referred to as "recycling", "duplication", or "multiple submissions of research findings" without disclosure. In the student context, self-plagiarism includes re-using parts of, or all of, a body of work that has already been submitted for assessment without proper citation.

### Where can I find out more information?

In many cases plagiarism is the result of inexperience about academic conventions. The University has resources and information to assist you to avoid plagiarism. The first place you can look is the section about referencing and plagiarism in each Course Outline, as this will also include information specific to the discipline the course is from. There are also other sources of assistance at UNSW:

### How can the Learning Centre help me?

The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how to not plagiarise. Information is available on their website: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/skills>.

### How can ELISE help me?

ELISE (Enabling Library & Information Skills for Everyone) is an online tutorial to help you understand how to find and use information for your assignments or research. It will help you to search databases, how to identify good quality information and how to write assignments. It will also help you understand

plagiarism and how to avoid it. All students are required to review the ELISE tutorial in their first term and complete the quiz, but any student can review it to improve their knowledge: <http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise>

### **What is Turnitin?**

Turnitin is a checking database which reviews your work and compares it to an international collection of books, journals, Internet pages and other students' assignments. The database checks referencing and whether you have copied something from another student, resource, or off the Internet. Oftentimes, students are asked to submit an electronic version of their work into Turnitin, but academics can also use it to check a student's work when it is being marked. You can find out more about Turnitin here: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/moodle/turnitin>

### **What if plagiarism is found in my work?**

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in the introductory courses, your Course Convenor will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in the introductory courses, such as stealing another student's work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in the introductory courses), plagiarism in the intermediate or advanced courses, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters can result in suspension from the University.

### **Important Notes on File-sharing Websites**

There are some file-sharing websites around that specialise in buying and selling academic work to and from university students. Examples of such websites include but are not limited to:

- Course Hero
- Nexus Notes
- StudyMode
- Thinkswap

You should be aware that you would be committing plagiarism if you download a piece of work from these websites and present it as your own either wholly or partially.

If you upload your original work to these websites, and if another student downloads and presents it as their own either wholly or partially, you might be found guilty of collusion—even years after graduation.

Your work may be posted by others unbeknownst to you. The surest way to avoid putting yourself at risk is to take care to not share your work with another student. If you stumble across your work online, the School of Psychology recommends you take action to have it removed at the earliest opportunity.

These file-sharing websites may also accept purchased course materials, such as copies of lecture slides and tutorial handouts. By law, the copyright on course materials, developed by UNSW staff in the course of their employment, belongs to UNSW. It constitutes copyright infringement, if not plagiarism, to trade these materials.

## STUDENT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

The School is committed to the University policy of “providing a fulfilling and rewarding learning and research experience that enables students to achieve their full academic potential” and will seriously listen to complaints and resolve them quickly if possible. The resolution procedures ensure that students are able to air legitimate complaints, knowing that they “will not suffer detriment or disadvantage as a direct result of making a complaint.”

If students have a grievance, they should first attempt to resolve it with the staff member concerned. If that fails, the next step is to take the matter to the Course or Program Director within a reasonable period of time. Beyond this, the next step is to take the matter to the School Grievance Officer and then to the Head of School.

If the matter is still not resolved, then you can seek advice about your options from the Student Conduct and Integrity Unit (Phone: 9385 8515; Email: [studentcomplaints@unsw.edu.au](mailto:studentcomplaints@unsw.edu.au)).

The full University complaint policy can be found on: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/complaints>

## EQUITABLE LEARNING SERVICES

Students who have a disability that requires some adjustment in their learning and teaching environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the Course Convenor prior to or at the commencement of the course, or with the Equitable Learning Advisors in Equitable Learning Services (9385 4734).

Information for students with disabilities is available at: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/els>

Issues to be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional examination and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made.



## APPENDIX

### Typical Annual Courses Availability

Course \ Hexamester	1	2	3	4	5	6
PSYC5111			X			
PSYC5112		X				
PSYC5113				X		
PSYC5114					X	
PSYC5115						X
PSYC5116	X					

### Typical Program Progression Plan

#### Entry Point: Hexamester 2

Year \ Hexamester	1	2	3	4	5	6
1st Year		PSYC5112	PSYC5111	PSYC5113	PSYC5114	PSYC5115
2nd Year	PSYC5116					

### Progression Rules

- Students must complete the introductory courses (PSYC5111, PSYC5112) before proceeding to the intermediate courses (PSYC5113, PSYC5114).
- Students must complete the intermediate courses (PSYC5113, PSYC5114) before proceeding to the advanced courses (PSYC5115, PSYC5116).
- At each stage (introductory/intermediate/advanced), students may complete the two courses in the same stage in either order, according to what suits their individual pattern of study, subject to courses availabilities.
- Students who have completed course/s equivalent to PSYC5111 and/or PSYC5112 and/or PSYC5113 as part of prior degree within 7 years prior to program commencement, may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in the online application. RPL is also known as “credit transfer” or “advanced standing”.
- Maximum enrolment in one course per hexamester.
- Maximum time to complete the program is 10 years.
- Students have the responsibility to self-enrol into the correct course via [myUNSW](#) prior to each hexamester and to ensure that they are following the progression rules and are on track to complete the program (see [Enrolment Guide](#) and [program’s Key Dates](#)).
- Typical progression plan is based on the assumption of full enrolment in all available hexamesters without any credit transfer and program leave. If students are granted credit transfer and/or have applied for program leave, students will need to adjust their progression plan accordingly.