

Programme description	<p>This course of study is for students who are curious about people, why we do what we do - our mind and behaviours. To enjoy success in this program as a VC student demands that you are highly self-managed, meaning you commit to tasks and submit on due dates. You are also a growth-mindset student, meaning you accept academic challenges, you take academic risks and are not afraid of failure - you view failure as another learning step. Finally, you take the initiative to make contact with me without hesitation whenever you have questions.</p> <p>If this sounds like you, then welcome to psychology.</p> <p>In psychology you will learn how to question, and in the process learn new things about yourself and others. I'd like to introduce you to psychology in real contexts so it is meaningful, in particular social psychology and clinical psychology.</p>				
Content	<p>Areas of study include:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Approaches</td> <td style="width: 50%;">2. Methodologies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Fields</td> <td>4. Issues</td> </tr> </table>	1. Approaches	2. Methodologies	3. Fields	4. Issues
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Prerequisites	<p>One thing that I insist on is that you must be a self-motivated person who is either really good at self-management or who recognises that this is a growth area for you and that you want to get better. As long as you're honest and willing to push yourself, then you're the kind of person I want to teach.</p>				
Required	<p>You will need this NZ text: Psychology: An introduction for New Zealand students, by Alexandra Cragg, Xenia Lonie Copyright Year:2014 ISBN-13: 9780170241960</p> <p>You will also need to download WhatsApp to your smartphone.</p>				
Assessment	<p>Throughout the year you will have four standards to complete, and an opportunity of a fifth standard if your grades are high enough. The course offers 21 credits.</p> <p>Please note, there are no reassessments for any of the standards.</p>				
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Standards		When assessed	Type	Credit value
AS91844 v1	Examine different psychological approaches used to explain a behaviour		I	6
AS91845 v1	Examine how a psychological debate has changed over time		I	3
AS91846 v1	Conduct psychological research with guidance		I	4
AS91847 v1	Examine how theory is used in fields of psychological practice		I	5
AS91848 v1	Examine ethical issues in psychological practice		I	3

I = Internally Assessed | E = Externally Assessed

Although there is a program of study, be prepared to change direction as 'inquiry' is a fluid process. We may not get through the entire year as prescribed so be warned now. I teach to meet my students' curiosities. What interests you interests me, and we go there. With skill, we can redesign the assessments so that they fit the content you want to explore and not the other way around.