Psychology Studies

Imagine having an edge over others in understanding how people think and what makes them behave the way they do. Psychology is the right course for you if you enjoy working with people, and see yourself in a career that will bring out the best in others.

The course provides you with a foundation in the study of human behaviour and mental processes. It also prepares you for a career in the social services and special needs education sectors, where Psychology is applied to improve the lives of many. Apart from studying core subjects in Psychology and the social services, you are also given the flexibility to choose elective subjects according to your personal interest.

Through the course, you will discover how Psychology enriches lives, with many meaningful and practical applications.

"Having good interns work for us has a practical importance in conducting our research. We have been impressed by their professional and hardworking attitudes, which give credit to themselves and their polytechnic."

Dr Mark Rice
Scientist
Institute for Infocomm Research (A*STAR)

Career Opportunities

Our graduates are well prepared to enter a variety of exciting careers in the social services, special education and research fields. Graduates who aspire to become certified psychologists, counsellors or social workers may pursue further studies in related fields of study.

Graduation Requirements

Cumulative Grade Point Average : min 1.0
TP Fundamentals Subjects: 36 credit units
Diploma Subjects
   Core Subjects: 72 credit units
   Elective Subjects : min 12 credit units
Total Credit Units Completed : min 120 credit units

Application

Apply during the Joint Admissions Exercise following the release of the GCE O Level results. For other categories of local applicants, please refer to the section on "Admission and Requirements". For international students, please refer to the section on "Information for International Students".

Entry Requirements for Singapore-Cambridge GCE O Level Qualification Holders

To be eligible for consideration for admission, applicants must obtain 26 points or better for the net ELR2B2 aggregate score (i.e. English Language, 2 relevant subjects and best 2 other subjects, including CCA Bonus Points) and meet the minimum entry requirements of this course. CCA cannot be used to meet the minimum entry requirements.

Course Structure

TP FUNDAMENTALS (TPFun) SUBJECTS			
SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	CREDIT UNITS
GCC1001	Current Issues & Critical Thinking	1	2
GCS1006	Communication & Information Literacy	1	2
GCS1007	Workplace Communication	1	2
GCS1008	Persuasive Communication	1	2
GGS1002	Global Studies	1	3
GGS1003	Managing Diversity at Work*	1	3
GGS1004	Global Citizenship & Community Development*	1	3
GGS1005	Expressions of Culture*	1	3
GIN1001	Innovation & Entrepreneurship	1	2
LEA1011	Leadership: Essential Attributes & Practice 1	1	1
LEA1012	Leadership: Essential Attributes & Practice 2	1	1
LEA1013	Leadership: Essential Attributes & Practice 3	1	1
LSW1002	Sports & Wellness	1	2
MCR1001	Career Readiness 1	1	1
MCR1002	Career Readiness 2	1	1
MCR1003	Career Readiness 3	1	1
TGL1001	Guided Learning	1	3
GIP3005	Student Internship Programme	3	12

Students must choose one of these three subjects or TGL1001 Guided Learning.

DIPLOMA SUBJECTS – CORE SUBJECTS

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	CREDIT UNITS
GPS1001	Foundation Psychology	1	4
GPS1007	Survey & Qualitative Research Methods	1	4
GPS1020	Introduction to Social Services	1	4
GPS1021	Introduction to Research Methods & Statistics	1	4
GPS1022	Introduction to Special Needs Education	1	4
GPS2001	Experimental Design & Statistics	2	4
GPS2005	Social Psychology	2	4
GPS2007	Developmental Psychology	2	4
GPS2014	Contemporary Issues in Psychology	2	4
GPS2017	Cognitive Psychology	2	4
GPS2021	Counselling Psychology	2	4
GPS2024	Group Work: Processes & Facilitation	2	4
GPS2025	Applied Psychology Project A (Survey Design)	2	4
GMP3001	Major Project	3	8
GPS3013	Industrial & Organisational Psychology	3	4
GPS3014	Community Psychology	3	4
GPS3016	Applied Psychology Project B (Experiment Design)	3	4

DIPLOMA SUBJECTS – ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	CREDIT UNITS
Social Services Electives			
GPS2010	Health Psychology	2	4
GPS3003	Abnormal Psychology	3	4
GPS3015	Deviant Behaviour & Rehabilitation	3	4
Special Needs Education Electives			
GPS2026	Classroom Management & Strategies in Special Needs Education	2	4
GPS2027	Assessments & Interventions in Special Needs Education	2	4
GPS3012	Evidence-Based Strategies in Special Needs Education	3	4