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**School of Psychosocial Health**

**Department of Psychology**

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## **APPLICATION FOR HONOURS STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY: 2020**

Thank you for your interest in the Psychology honours course at the Vanderbijlpark Campus of the NWU. I would like to share the following information with you.

### ***THE HONOURS COURSE***

The honours course in Psychology consists of 8 modules that include psychological evaluation, psychology of the child and adolescent, intervention techniques, theoretical perspectives on the helping relationship, community psychology, psychopathology, research and ethics, applied positive psychology, and practical and descriptive Statistics (2 papers).

Lectures take place on weekdays between 08:00 and 17:00. Although the timetable is revised annually, it normally entails four or five lectures per week. The teaching method consists of lectures, papers, seminars, and practical assignments, role-play, discussion groups, and self-study.

Students are expected to attend all classes, complete course work, and conduct themselves in an acceptable and professional manner throughout. A student's studies can be terminated at any time due to poor class attendance, lack of progress, or unsatisfactory functioning and behaviour.

**You are reminded that the course is only presented on a full-time basis.**

### ***HOW DO I APPLY?***

In order to become eligible for selection, you need to complete the online application by clicking on the following link:

<http://jbossprd.nwu.ac.za/aaa-webclient/StudentWebCommand.do?sf=143369&lng=3#/top>

If you experience any problems during the online application process please contact academic administration on any of the following numbers:

- 016 910 3114/3154 or at
- [applicationsug@nwu.ac.za](mailto:applicationsug@nwu.ac.za)

**Please do not contact the Department of Psychology as we will not be able to assist you with the application.**

## **THE SELECTION PROCESS**

Candidates who wish to be considered for the honours course in Psychology must undergo a strict selection process. This process has been established to ensure that

- a) academically competent students receive access to training,
- b) quality of teaching and training is retained with due consideration to the capacity of staff and infrastructure,
- c) supply and demand of professional persons is considered throughout, and
- d) competent and professionally trained candidates are produced.

**All applications need to be completed by 17 September 2019** if the candidate wishes to attend the course in the subsequent year. **No late applications will be considered.**

After applications have closed, the Department of Psychology will do a paper selection process. A short explanation of the rationale of the selection process follows. The selection process evaluates candidates to determine whether they fulfil the academic requirements to successfully master the demands of the honours course in Psychology. The selection process is based on academic achievements as displayed on the academic record.

The honours degree is an academic qualification with specific admission requirements. All prospective honours students must comply with the following requirements:

- Have a relevant B-degree with Psychology at third-year level or have achieved the status of Psychology level three.
- Hold an average of **at least 65%** for undergraduate Psychology modules. The Department reserves the right to modify the minimum criteria according to the number and standard of the applications received.

Once your application has been evaluated, you will be notified about the results of the selection process via email. **The results will not be available telephonically.**

**NB : The results of the selection process are final, and no feedback with regard to unsuccessful applications will be given.**

Yours Sincerely

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