

Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences

Graduate Diploma in Psychology

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I take Mind, Brain and Behaviour 2 (MBB2) before taking Mind, Brain and Behaviour 1 (MBB1)?

Yes as MBB1 is not a prerequisite for MBB2.

2. What is the difference between MBB1 and MBB2?

Short answer: MBB1 focuses on the inner workings of the individual while MBB2 focuses on how the individual interacts with their environment.

Mind, Brain and Behaviour 1 focuses on the workings of the individual from a psychological perspective. It includes detail of the neural components constituting the brain, the operation of the sensory systems underlying interaction with the external environment and the cognitive processes that construct the internal world experienced by the individual. Careful consideration is given to the nature of this internal world and the importance of its relationship to the external world.

Mind, Brain and Behaviour 2 focuses on the development of the individual and their interaction with their environment and considers what the consequences are, both when this interaction proceeds smoothly and when it does not proceed smoothly. Questions concerning human development giving attention to cognitive and to social-emotional aspects are explored. An understanding of some basic issues in human development is complemented with an examination of the nature and development of personality and human interaction in social groups and cultural settings.

3. What can you tell me about summer MBB1 (PSYC90097) and summer MBB2 (PSYC90098) as compared to semester one MBB1 (PSYC10003) and semester two MBB2 (PSYC10004)?

The summer versions of the subjects cover the same content as the standard semester versions but via an intensive three week format with summer MBB1 taught in January and summer MBB2 taught in February. Students who wish to complete the Graduate Diploma within one year need to commence in summer and complete the summer versions of MBB1 and MBB2. Part-time students may also choose to complete one or both subjects over summer.

4. I have to combine study with work so what flexibility is there with timetabling to assist me with this?

Flexible timetabling options are available where possible, with some classes scheduled in the late afternoon and early evening.

5. I need help writing a lab report and with statistics. Is there help available?

Yes! Detailed and helpful resources are available via the Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences 'Psychological Sciences Statistics and Research Methods Modules' community on LMS which is available via log-in access - please copy and paste the following url into your browser

https://app.lms.unimelb.edu.au/webapps/blackboard/content/listContentEditable.jsp?content_id=6080840_1&course_id=348574_1

If you are a Graduate Diploma in Psychology student and you do not have access to this community site, please email a request for access to: graddip-psych@unimelb.edu.au

6. How do I get the SPSS program?

SPSS is available on all library computers. The current list of software available on library computers is available [here](#)

SPSS is also accessible to all students via myUniApps

7. What will the exams cover ie what will I be expected to know?

In general, you will be expected to be familiar with the content of the lectures but your subject coordinator will advise further in regard to this.

8. Are there any examples of past student work that I can look at?

This is up to the lecturer and assignment involved. The subject lecturer/coordinator in question will be able to advise if previous examples of work are available.

9. Where is the LMS link to Turnitin?

Turnitin will become available closer to the assignment submission due date.

Turnitin assignment information is available [here](#)

10. What are my study options at the University of Melbourne after I have completed the Graduate Diploma in Psychology?

You will be eligible to apply for the fourth year Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) program. Details about this program are available [here](#) and applicants generally require a weighted average for your second and third year psychology subjects of at least 80% in order to be competitive for selection.

Students who complete the Graduate Diploma in Psychology with a WAM (weighted average mark across all subjects) of 70% are guaranteed entry to the Master of Applied Psychology (MAP). MAP course information is available [here](#)