



APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

Higher Education Provider	Monash University Malaysia, School of Psychology and Psychiatry, Sunway Campus
Date of determination	11 November 2013
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Programs of Study Assessed for Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) • Bachelor of Arts (Global) • Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business • Honours degree of Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business • Honours degree of Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) • Bachelor of Science • Honours degree of Bachelor of Science

This is a summary of the outcomes of an APAC accreditation assessment of the School of Psychology and Psychiatry at Monash University Malaysia and its programs of study. This summary highlights selected key features of the assessment. Comprehensive analysis of the assessment is contained in the full APAC Assessment Team Report.

The Psychology discipline on the Malaysian campus is located in the Jeffrey Cheah School of Medicine and Health Sciences but has strong links with the School of Psychology and Psychiatry in Australia. The Malaysia campus is adequately staffed and the Standard for staffing multi-campus institutions is met.

Monash University Malaysia has a traditional university campus catering for about 6000 students. It is modern with excellent lecture and laboratory facilities. Currently the psychology discipline is spread across a number of different buildings, but a new School of Medicine building is being completed and that will provide new centralised accommodation for the discipline.

The computer facilities are good and students have access to SPSS and all relevant software. Internet access is also available anywhere on the campus via a wireless network. There is a small test library which is adequate for the programs and research being done on the campus.

Monash University Malaysia offers two psychology programs. The first is the 10 unit psychology major that can be taken in a number of three year Bachelor degrees and the second is the fourth year Honours program which can be taken in three different Bachelor (Honours) programs.

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The structure of the 10 unit psychology major is identical to the one offered in Australia other than in one respect. Whereas in Australia there is one elective unit, in Malaysia students have to take the Organisational Psychology elective which is consistent with the fact that the majority of students are taking the Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business degree. It was indicated that the possibility of introducing some of the other electives is being considered.

The content of the units in the undergraduate and fourth year programs is essentially identical to that offered onshore, other than there is an attempt to make it culturally relevant. As in Australia, the Moodle based online learning management system is used and there is a site for each unit. The site is the same as that for the Australian students although there may be separate sections for the Malaysian students, e.g. a separate forum page. Because of the common site, the Malaysian students also have access to the taped onshore lectures and all other material available to onshore students.

With regard to the fourth year Honours program, the students are supervised locally, although there may be a co-supervisor from the Clayton campus. Ethics approval for projects is obtained from the ethics committee in Australia. There is cross marking for assignments, and for the theses there is generally one local and one Australian marker.

Inspection of a sample of assignments across the four years and Honour's theses indicated that the standard of work is appropriate. As the fourth year program is identical in content to the program offered in Australia, the fourth year programs at the Malaysia campus did not meet a course content Standard requiring advanced 'knowledge of the theoretical and empirical bases underpinning evidence-based approaches to psychological intervention' be included in the fourth year program.

The high degree of similarity between the unit materials offered in Malaysia and onshore is consistent with APAC Standards and is commendable.

The Psychology AOU at Monash University is commended on the quality of the psychology education provided on the Monash University Malaysia campus.

The accreditation outcomes are summarised in the attached Accreditation Summary Checklist.



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Name of Higher Education Provider: Monash University Malaysia, School of Psychology and Psychiatry

Date of Site Visit: 22 August 2013

Accreditation of the AOU

Rules	Rule Number	Satisfied	Not Yet Satisfied	N/A
Section 5 – Accreditation Status	5.1-5.6		✓	

Undergraduate 3-Year Sequence Program of Study	Standard Number	Satisfied	Not Yet Satisfied	N/A
Length	3.1.1	✓		
Program of Study Structure	3.1.2-5	✓		
Program of Study Content	3.1.6-10	✓		
Assessment	3.1.11-16	✓		
Awarding of Credit or Advance Standing	3.1.17-19	✓		

Undergraduate Fourth Year Program of Study	Standard Number	Satisfied	Not Yet Satisfied	N/A
Entry Requirements	4.1.1	✓		
Length	4.1.2	✓		
Program of Study Structure	4.1.3	✓		
Program of Study Content	4.1.4-7		✓	
Research Methods and Professional and Research Ethics	4.1.8	✓		
Research Project	4.1.9-15	✓		
Assessment	4.1.16-22	✓		
Awarding of Credit or Advance Standing	4.1.23-25	✓		

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