



APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

Higher Education Provider	Monash University
Campus:	Monash University, Malaysia
Date of Determination	26 November 2018
Standards Version	June 2010, version 10; Rules March 2014, amendments May 30 2016
Purpose of Assessment	Accreditation assessment of the AOU and the following programs: 3 year sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences• Bachelor of Psychological Science• Bachelor of Psychological Science and Business• Bachelor of Science 4 th year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts (Honours)• Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)• Bachelor of Science (Honours)

This is a summary of the outcomes of an APAC accreditation assessment of the School of Psychological Sciences at Monash University (Malaysia campus) 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 Accreditation Assessment report. The accreditation of Monash University (Clayton campus) psychology programs is dealt with in a separate report.

The programs offered on the Monash University Malaysia campus are essentially the same as those offered on the Clayton campus. Consequently, any conditions relating to the Clayton campus programs will generally also apply to the programs at Monash University Malaysia.

The Department of Psychology is part of the Monash University Psychology AOU and is located in the Jeffrey Cheah School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The Department of Psychology has 11.1 EFT and is headed by Associate Professor Shamsul Haque. Two of the staff positions are Level D, four Level C and the rest Level B. All the staff are appropriately qualified, are active researchers and have teaching experience. There is an appropriate research milieu and the AOU appears to provide appropriate mentoring to the staff.

Monash University Malaysia has a traditional university campus catering for over 7,500 students. It is modern with excellent lecture and laboratory facilities. 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.

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

The structure of the 10-unit psychology major is identical to the one offered in Australia other than the fact that there are few elective units from which students can choose. The content of the units 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.

With regard to the fourth year Honours program, it is the same as that offered onshore. For the research component, 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 generally one local and one Australian marker for the theses.

Inspection of a sample of assignments across the four years and Honour's theses indicated that the standard of work is appropriate.

The high degree of similarity between the unit materials offered in Malaysia and onshore in Australia is consistent with APAC Standards and is commendable, though it is suggested that the cultural relevance of the material taught on the Malaysia campus be increased.

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