

# ISN501

## Ethics and Professional Issues

### Unit Description

In **Ethics & Professional Issues** students will become familiar with the requirements of all State & Commonwealth Acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and guidelines. They will learn how to apply the principles of these codes to their work, and consider potential ethical dilemmas.

### Required Textbooks and Readings

Australian Psychological Society (2007). Code of ethics. Melbourne: Author. Available online at: [www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics](http://www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics).

Australian Psychological Society (2007). APS ethical guidelines. Melbourne: Author. Only available online for members of the APS at: [www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics](http://www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics).

#### *Recommended texts:*

Bersoff, D. H. (Ed.). (2008). *Ethical conflicts in psychology (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

*\*Textbooks are not finalised and may be subject to change prior to the start of semester.*

### Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	One semester	Core	Fifth year, Semester 1	TBA	TBA

### Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
To become familiar with the requirements of all State & Commonwealth Acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and codes of conduct	Exam [30 item multiple choice test plus two short answer]	Year 1, semester 1, week 10	50%
To be able to apply the principles of these codes to their work at all times	Exam – see above		
To become familiar with the requirements of all State & Commonwealth Acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and codes of conduct	Lectorial activities [discussion, class exercises]	Year 1, semester 1, week 10	50%
To be able to apply the principles of these codes to their work at all times.	Lectorial activities – see above	Year 1, throughout semester 1	

### Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;

Full-time or Part-time study



### **Pre-requisites and co-requisites**

Successful completion of a four-year, APAC accredited, sequence of study in psychology with a H2A average or higher and passing selection interviews and psychometric testing.

### **Other Resources and Requirements**

None.

### **Unit weighting as a percentage of the year**

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
10	200

### **Student workload**

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
3 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour practical)	6	9

*\*Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences.*