



International Competences for Undergraduate Psychology (ICUP)

March 2024 Newsletter¹

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1. **Beta.R2 Version of ICUP.** The ICUPO Committee had its first meeting in October 2022, with its main aim being to produce an international foundational psychology competence model for the undergraduate level, that could be used as a reference model (only) to inform national and institutional curricula for *all* undergraduate psychology students, regardless of their eventual career. Moreover, the Model aimed especially, to articulate the valuable competences that these students obtain, in relation to psychological literacy and global citizenship. The Beta.R2 Version of the International Competences for Undergraduate Psychology (ICUP) has just been released as a preprint at osf.io/6y38x. Note that in comparison to Beta.R1, there are few changes to the actual ICUP Model; rather, there is much more explanatory material, including Frequently Asked Questions [FAQs]). If you are new to the ICUPO project, read the brief “Context” section in the Beta.R2 preprint.
2. **Engagement with IRGUPO and Psychology Organisations.** This year, the ICUPO Committee initiated and then revised its Engagement Strategy. The first

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cycle of engagement, feedback and revision has involved several meetings with psychology organisations, which in turn, have led to revisions of the ICUP document (as mentioned in #1). We very much appreciate those organisations and individuals who have taken the time to give such valuable feedback. We have also continued to engage with the literature on curriculum models/frameworks, and on undergraduate psychology outcomes.

3. **Website and Dissemination.** The **ICUPO** website (blogs.shu.edu/icupo) has now been populated, thanks to the volunteer RA Valerie Sorrentino of Seton Hall University. We encourage you to provide feedback via the “Contact Us” tab on this website. In terms of Dissemination, we have: (a) provided several updates for organisational bulletins/magazines; (b) since April 2023, given 10+ conference presentations and workshops; and (c) since January 2024, submitted 3 papers for publication.
4. **Steps ahead.** We are now initiating another round of feedback, **due May 7**. We will then make further revisions to create the Gamma version, in time for the International Congress of Psychology in July, where we will run a Symposium and a Discussion Forum. We invite you to email us (susan.nolan@shu.edu) if you will attend ICP in Prague, where there will be opportunities to engage in discussion about the *ICUP*. Soon after ICP, we hope to create the Delta Version of ICUP. Note that already, people are starting to use the ICUP Model in curriculum revision. Please see the FAQs in the Beta.R2 Version at osf.io/6y38x/. During these months, we will also be soliciting teaching and assessment strategies tied to individual competences
5. **Other News/Notifications.**
 - a. Biennial International Seminar on the Teaching of Psychology Science (BISTOPS), Paris, France, July 1-5, 2024: <https://nitop.org/BISTOPS.org>
 - b. International Congress of Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic, July 21-26, 2024: <https://icp2024.com/>
 - c. AsiaPLAT Conference, Bengaluru, India, August 1-3, 2024: <https://icplt.christuniversity.in/>
 - d. The Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s Annual Conference on Teaching (ACT), Louisville, KY, USA; October 10-12, 2024: <https://teachpsych.org/conferences/act.php/>
 - e. The next AusPLAT Conference will be held in Perth, Australia, 10-13 September, 2025: <https://www.ausplat.com/conferences/conference25/> .
 - f. The recent Psychology Learning and Teaching Roundtable held on 6 March 2024 was focused on “Understanding Industry Demand for Australia’s Psychology Graduates”. The recording and details of the project are available at <https://www.ausplat.com/2024/02/13/elementor-3688/> .