

# PS115-30 Psychology in the Real World

**20/21**

**Department**

Psychology

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

24 weeks

**Assessment**

20% coursework, 80% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

To provide an examination of a range of current topics, issues and debates in Psychology.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

This module will present cutting-edge research in the lecturers' own areas of expertise, giving students insight into the most dynamic areas in the field of psychology

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Due to the nature of the module and the desire to ensure module content is dynamic and reflects expertise in the department , the outline is only an example and likely to change each year.

Term/Week Session Topic

Term 1

Week 1 Introductory session  
Week 2 Eyewitness testimony  
Week 3 Behavioural science & influence  
Week 4 Psychology of free will  
Week 5 Consciousness and control I  
Week 6 Consciousness and control II  
Week 7 Psychological approaches to Insomnia I  
Week 8 Psychological approaches to Insomnia II  
Week 9 Families  
Week 10 Friends and Enemies  
Term 2  
Week 1 Psychology of Ageing  
Week 2 Genes and Behaviour  
Week 3 Evolutionary Psychology  
Week 4 Positive Psychology  
Week 5 Mindfulness  
Week 6 Counselling Psychology  
Week 7 Consumerism and Mental Health  
Week 8 Understanding Others' Actions  
Week 9 Motivation  
Week 10 Preparing to revise  
Term 3  
Week 1 Revision  
Week 2 Revision  
Week 3 Revision  
Week 4 Revision

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- To evaluate current research in psychology;
- critical awareness of empirical methods of psychology;
- interpret data and their theoretical implications;
- integrate data from several areas of psychology;

## **Indicative reading list**

Readings are specific to each lecture and assigned accordingly.

## **Subject specific skills**

knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with psychology  
An understanding of the breadth of the discipline and range of research

## **Transferable skills**

reasoning skills

knowledge retrieval

understanding how different aspects of a discipline can be interconnected and can impact on the real world.

critical evaluation

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	24 sessions of 2 hours (16%)
Private study	252 hours (84%)
Total	300 hours

### Private study description

Guided Individual Study

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

### Assessment group D1

	Weighting	Study time
30 CAT assignment 1	10%	
Answer one question for Term 1 material, and a different one for Term 2 material (1,000 words each). Use only material from the relevant term, and refer to at least 3 topics, listing these topics at the end of your work.		
30 CAT assignment 2	10%	
Answer one question for Term 1 material, and a different one for Term 2 material (1,000 words each). Use only material from the relevant term, and refer to at least 3 topics, listing these topics at the end of your work.		
Online Examination	80%	

## Weighting

## Study time

~Platforms - AEP

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

## Feedback on assessment

Detailed academic guidance form for assessed work; Exam results on-line.

[Past exam papers for PS115](#)

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 1 of UIPA-C8L8 Undergraduate Psychology and Global Sustainable Development

This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-VL78 BA in Philosophy with Psychology