

PS112-24 Psychology in Context

21/22

Department

Psychology

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

24

Module duration

24 weeks

Assessment

32% coursework, 68% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module will introduce the history of psychology and core topics in developmental, social and cognitive psychology.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

Previous knowledge of psychology will not be assumed. The module covers 4 key areas of psychology, developing basic knowledge in each. Taken together, PS111 Brain and Behaviour and PS112 Psychology in Context provide a general introduction to Psychology designed to support work in the second and third years of the Psychology Honours Degrees.

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.

The class covers four different subjects that represent a sample of research and theoretical topics in psychology.: 1) History of Psychology; 2) Developmental Psychology, 3) Social Psychology, and 4) Psychology of Ageing and Memory.

Psychology in Context is part of a general introduction to Psychology designed as a foundation for further learning in second and third years of the Psychology Honours Degrees.

Learning outcomes

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

- be familiar with and able to discuss some of the classic studies in the areas of psychology set out above;
- have a critical appreciation of some of the main concepts and theories in each of the areas;
- locate modern psychology in a wider intellectual and historical context;
- understand the fundamentals of qualitative and observational research methods in psychology;
- understand the parts played by developmental psychology and the study of memory in psychology as a whole; and
- be able to take a historical perspective on psychology as a science.

Indicative reading list

Gleitman, H., Gross, J., & Reisberg, D. (2010). Psychology (8th ed.). New York: W.W. Norton & Co.

Kowalski, R., & Westen, D. (2011). Psychology (6th ed.). Hoboken, N. J., USA: Wiley.

Martin, N. G., Carlson, N.R., & Buskist, W. (2013). Psychology (5th ed.). Allyn & Bacon.

Nolen-Hoeksema, S., Fredrickson, B. L., Loftus, G. R., & Wagenaar, W. A. (2009). Atkinson & Hilgard's introduction to psychology (15th ed.). London: Wadsworth.

Subject specific skills

an awareness of the breadth of topics falling within the disciplines of Psychology

familiarity with the basic aspects of some of the most common research approaches to Psychology

presentation of understanding and evaluation of topics in Psychology within a structured and coherent argument

Transferable skills

effective communication skills to develop an argument supported by relevant evidence

familiarity with collecting and organising stored information found in library books and journal collections, and online, critical evaluation of sources;

effective personal planning skills.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	29 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	7 sessions of 1 hour (3%)
Private study	204 hours (85%)
Total	240 hours

Private study description

Private Guided Student study and preparation for assessment and exam

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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 D2

	Weighting	Study time
Assessment 1	8%	
Assessment 2	8%	
2 short online tests		
Assessment 3	8%	
online test		
Assessment 4	8%	
4 short online tests (Memory section)		
Online Examination	68%	
3 hour exam covering the 4 sections of the module		

Feedback on assessment

Formative feedback to assist in completion of summative essay. Academic guidance form for assessed work; online via Tabula and through tutorials

[Past exam papers for PS112](#)

Availability

Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- PS351-15 Psychology and the Law

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of UPSA-C800 Undergraduate Psychology
- Year 1 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies
- Year 1 of UPSA-C802 Undergraduate Psychology with Linguistics