

PS115-30 Psychology in the Real World

21/22

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

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

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.

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

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
30 CAT assignment 1	10%		Yes (extension)
Answer one question for Term 1 material, and a different one for Term 2 material (1,000 words)			

Weighting**Study time****Eligible for self-certification**

each). Use only material from the relevant term, and refer to at least 3 topics, listing these topics at the end of your work.

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component

30 CAT assignment 2 10%

Yes (extension)

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Assessment component

Online Examination 80%
~Platforms - AEP

No

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

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

[Past exam papers for PS115](#)

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