

PS115-30 Psychology in the Real World

22/23

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

	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

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

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