

PS122-15 Psychology in Context

23/24

Department

Psychology

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

12 weeks

Assessment

36% coursework, 64% 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 and cognitive psychology.

Module aims

Previous knowledge of psychology will not be assumed. The module covers key areas of psychology, developing basic knowledge in each. Taken together, PS121 Brain and Behaviour, PS120 Neuropsychology & Psychopathology and PS122 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.

Psychology in Context is part of a general introduction to Psychology designed as a foundation for further learning in the second and third years of the Psychology Honours Degrees. The module covers three different subjects representing a sample of research and theoretical topics in psychology: (1) History of Psychology; (2) Developmental Psychology; (3) and Psychology of

Learning.

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 parts played by developmental psychology in psychology as a whole;
- understand the parts played by cognitive psychology 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	23 sessions of 1 hour (15%)
Total	150 hours

Type	Required
Seminars	3 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Private study	124 hours (83%)
Total	150 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.

Assessment group D1

	Weighting	Study time
History of Psychology assessment Online test to assess History of Psychology material.	12%	
Developmental Psychology assessment Online tests to assess the Developmental Psychology material	12%	
Psychology of Learning Assessment Online tests to assess Psychology of Learning material	12%	
Online Examination Exam covering all sections of the module	64%	
~Platforms - AEP		

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Feedback on assessment

Feedback on tests provided online through moodle, and in lectures.

[Past exam papers for PS122](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
- 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

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-VL78 BA in Philosophy with Psychology
- Year 1 of UIPA-C8L8 Undergraduate Psychology and Global Sustainable Development