

# PS367-15 Psychology Across Cultures

**24/25**

**Department**

Psychology

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 3

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

12 weeks

**Assessment**

33% coursework, 67% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

In a fast-changing world, "Psychology Across Cultures" explores how and why people's basic psychological processes, values and behaviour differ across cultures and what this implies for psychological theory and application.

### Module aims

The module highlights the importance of a cross-cultural perspective for understanding and explaining different contemporary issues such as migration, ethnic conflicts, globalisation and cultural change. In academic terms, the module aims to develop the students' understanding of the fundamental concepts and theoretical perspectives pertinent to the study of culture and human behaviour

### 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 module will cover such topics as:

The role of values and beliefs in cultural variation, Culture and the self, Culture and emotion,

Personality across cultures, Culture and physical health, culture and mental health, Moving cultures and Relationship variations across cultures

## Learning outcomes

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

- demonstrate a critical knowledge of how major psychological findings vary across cultures;
- demonstrate a critical understanding of the major concepts and theoretical perspectives in cross-cultural psychology;
- evaluate the relative contributions of values, beliefs and ecology to the understanding of cultural variations in psychology;
- demonstrate a critical awareness of the key methods used in cross-cultural psychology
- understand and critically evaluate their own cultural values, norms and assumptions.

## Indicative reading list

Smith, P., Fischer, R., Vignoles, V., & Bond, M.H. (2013). *Understanding Social Psychology Across Cultures: Engaging with Others in a Changing World*. 2nd edition. London: Sage

Berry, J. W., Poortinga, Y. H., Breugelmans, S. M., Chasiotis, A., & Sam, D. L. (2011). *Cross-cultural psychology: Research and applications*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## Subject specific skills

- critical understanding of the major concepts and theoretical perspectives in cross-cultural psychology
- knowledge of major psychological findings and variance of these across cultures
- critical evaluation of personal cultural values, norms and assumptions.

## Transferable skills

- effective communication skills to develop a cogent argument supported by relevant evidence and being sensitive to the needs and expectations of an audience;
- familiarity with collecting and organising stored information found in library book and journal collections, and online, critically evaluating primary and secondary sources;
- effective personal planning skills

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## Study

## Study time

<b>Type</b>	<b>Required</b>
Lectures	12 sessions of 2 hours (16%)
Seminars	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	116 hours (77%)
Total	150 hours

## Private study description

116 hours guided student study & assessment preparation

## 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.

### Assessment group D2

	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Study time</b>	<b>Eligible for self-certification</b>
Multiple choice test	33%		No
Multiple choice test taken in person, 2 hours, complex multiple choice questions			
Essay based exam	67%		No
Essay based exam			
~Platforms - AEP			

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

## Feedback on assessment

Feedback on class performance with details of the particular issues that arose; exam results online

[Past exam papers for PS367](#)

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## Availability

## Courses

This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of TPSS-C8P9 Postgraduate Taught Psychological Research
- UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
  - Year 3 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
  - Year 3 of L1CC Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway)
  - Year 3 of L1CD Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway)
  - Year 3 of L1CE Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway)
- UPHA-L1CB Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 4 of L1CG Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 4 of L1CH Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 4 of L1CJ Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 4 of L1CB Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPSA-C800 Undergraduate Psychology
- Year 4 of UPSA-C801 Undergraduate Psychology (with Intercalated year)
- Year 3 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies
- Year 4 of UPSA-C806 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 3 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 3 of UPHA-VL78 BA in Philosophy with Psychology
- Year 4 of UPHA-VL79 BA in Philosophy with Psychology (with Intercalated year)
- Year 1 of TPSS-C8P9 Postgraduate Taught Psychological Research
- Year 4 of UPHA-VL80 Undergraduate Philosophy with Psychology (with Work Placement)

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 3 of UPSA-C802 Undergraduate Psychology with Linguistics
- Year 4 of UPSA-C805 Undergraduate Psychology with Linguistics (with Intercalated Year)