

PS346-15 Perspectives in Clinical and Counselling Psychology

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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

Description

Introductory description

This module is designed to introduce students to the field of adult mental health.

Module aims

It will illustrate how psychological models can be applied to psychological problems in clinical settings. Material will be presented in terms of diagnostic categories, as well as aetiology, therapeutic techniques and outcomes according to various current and historic theoretical paradigms. The module will take a predominantly applied approach, linking psychological theory to clinical practice for a number of psychological disorders/clinical issues.

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.

Current issues and debates surrounding assessment, classification and diagnosis will be explored, including ethical considerations in mental health care. Some of the major theories, theorists and

orientations for therapeutic intervention will be explored, for example person-centred, psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioural. The module will also include an in-depth examination of specific mental health diagnoses, for example anxiety, depression, psychotic disorders.

Learning outcomes

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

- Think critically about the taxonomic system used in conceptualising mental disorders
- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the major diagnostic categories delineated in the DSM, as well as with diagnostic procedures
- Critically discuss current and historical perspectives in the aetiology and treatment of mental illness (e. g., cognitive-behavioural, psychodynamic, person-centred)
- Think critically about and apply current formulations of abnormal behaviour
- Critically evaluate primary therapeutic interventions and their efficacy according to current literature
- Critically consider practical and ethical issues that arise in mental health care in the UK

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

Subject specific skills

evaluation of therapeutic interventions

understanding of practical and ethical issues that arise in mental health care

understanding of the major diagnostic categories

application of psychological theory to practice, clinical case analysis

Transferable skills

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

working in groups and oral presentation skills,

ability to apply knowledge to real world examples

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	12 sessions of 2 hours (16%)
Seminars	5 sessions of 1 hour (3%)
Online learning (independent)	5 sessions of 1 hour (3%)
Private study	116 hours (77%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

116 hours guided student 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 D6

Weighting Study time Eligible for self-certification

Assessment component

assessed work	33%	Yes (extension)
Online multi-choice assessment		

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component

Centrally-timetabled examination (Online) ~Platforms - WAS	67%	No
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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Formative and summative feedback is available in relation to the multi-choice assessed component. Further verbal feedback is available to students on request. Feedback on examination performance is provided in line with Department of Psychology procedure; Tabula and Personal Tutor.

[Past exam papers for PS346](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

Students should have either PS120 or PS219. They should also have undertaken PS201

To take this module, you must have passed:

- Any of
 - [PS120-15 Neuropsychology & Psychopathology](#)
 - [PS219-15 Psychobiology](#)
 - [PS201-15 Individual Differences](#)

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- Year 3 of UPHA-VL78 BA in Philosophy with Psychology
- UPSA-C800 Undergraduate Psychology
 - Year 3 of C800 Psychology
 - Year 3 of C800 Psychology
 - Year 3 of C800 Psychology
- Year 4 of UPSA-C801 Undergraduate Psychology (with Intercalated year)
- Year 3 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies
- UPSA-C802 Undergraduate Psychology with Linguistics
 - Year 3 of C802 Psychology with Linguistics
 - Year 3 of C802 Psychology with Linguistics
- UPSA-C8L8 BAsc Psychology and Global Sustainable Development