

PS367-15 Psychology Across Cultures

26/27

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

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

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

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

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

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	12 sessions of 2 hours (16%)
Seminars	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Total	150 hours

Type	Required
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.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group D3

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Multiple choice question test	33%		No
Multiple choice question test taken in person on campus, 90 minutes (from October 2026), complex multiple choice questions			
Reassessment component is the same			
Assessment component			
Centrally-timetabled examination (Online)	67%		No
Essay based exam			
~Platforms - AEP			

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
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Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

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

[Past exam papers for PS367](#)

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)
 - Year 4 of L1CB Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
- 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)