

Module title: Introduction to Psychology

Module code:	IP	NQF level:	Level 4
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 weeks

Module description

This module is an introduction to the field of psychology. It will cover some of the basic sub-disciplines that explain human behaviour. Often we have many ideas about how we think and act and in understanding these actions we must explore a number of different explanations. Modern psychology is multi-disciplinary in that it draws on a range of different theories and research methods in order to identify the key processes that govern human behaviour.

Aims

- Introduce students to the key theories and sub-divisions in psychology
- Examine the relationship between the main disciplines in psychology (e.g. biological, social, developmental and cognitive)
- Explore the ways in which psychology informs and interacts with other disciplines, e.g. health, law, etc.;

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Appreciate the nature of psychology and psychological research
- Understand the main theoretical perspectives within psychology
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- Demonstrate an awareness of how psychology relates to and informs other disciplines

Syllabus

- History of Psychology
- Psychological Research Methods
- Social Influence
- Emotion, Attention and Perception
- Memory
- Neuroscience and the Brain

Learning and teaching methods

Teaching will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials that will be provided on the UoEO Learning Platform, and will be supported by specified discussion forums, pre-recorded lecturecasts and biweekly online question and answer sessions (using synchronous communication software and application sharing facility). Students will be provided with indicative guidance on, and encouraged to look at relevant websites which are appropriate to the learning outcomes, and to identify and share appropriate web-based resources (as learning support references) with their fellow students. The pre-recorded lecturecasts and the online question and answer sessions will include referenced use of selected case studies which will be drawn from the reading materials and the practice-based and professional/educational contexts and experience of the Tutors. Self-managed learning will supplement lectures and students will be given direction on required and indicative reading.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 x Assessed discussion activities	2 weeks	Unit 3 & Unit 7	20%
Mid Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	Unit 5	30%
End of Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	End of module	30%
Reflective report	1500-2000 words	End of module	20%