

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Origins in Psychology
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	3
4	Module Code	PSY3002

5	Module Overview
<p>This module will provide you with an introduction to psychology to reflect the discipline's rich and varied history. When studying psychology in a contemporary context it is important to explore the origins and development of the subject in order to understand how psychology originated, who was responsible for establishing psychology as a distinct discipline, and in order to be able to critically consider debates concerning psychology's status as a science.</p> <p>The module explores how contemporary psychology came to be interested in a broad range of topics, looking at human behaviour and mental process from the neural level to the cultural level, from birth to death. The module explores the emergence of psychology as a distinct discipline in the 1800s, but also considers the early beginnings of psychological thought from ancient Greek philosophy to the French philosophers of the 17th century. Moving to modern psychology, the module explores how psychology became established as a science – and debates around this – and the development of research methods and the influence of psychology.</p> <p>Psychology has a long and colourful history which begins several thousand years before the emergence of modern psychology. From earlier contributions can be identified the roots of the dominant contemporary paradigm in psychology, but also can be traced the very rich, imaginative, and creative insights on the human condition, often ones which have been neglected or received marginal treatment within more recent formulations of the subject. Some of these insights have re-emerged more recently to challenge the dominant position and paradigm found in psychology, or served as undercurrents, often attempting to broaden and provoke wider enquiry. It is within this understanding that a knowledge and appreciation of the origins of psychology assists in recognising the versions of psychology that now exist, and in informing you of the broad spectrum of images and ideas which historically have underpinned psychology.</p> <p>It is within this understanding that a knowledge and appreciation of the origins of psychology assists in recognising the versions of psychology that now exist, and in informing you of the broad spectrum of images and ideas which historically have underpinned the imagination of the human condition.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
This module will develop your understanding of some of the key topics in Psychology which may include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical Roots of Psychology • Behaviourism • Psychotherapy • Cognitive Psychology • Social Psychology • Developmental Psychology • Psychology of Difference 	

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
1	Identify and outline the historical path that psychology has undertaken to become the modern day scientific subject it is today.	
2	Explain how different perspectives of psychology have emerged and merged over time to help explain individual thinking, behaviour and functioning.	
3	Recognise key theories, research studies and concepts that have helped to shape the different perspectives of psychology (social, cognitive, biological, and developmental).	

8				Module Assessment
Learning Outcome		Coursework 1		Coursework 2
1		X		
2, 3			X	

9		Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	48	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	48	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	104	
Total Study Hours:	200	