Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	**Module Title**	Psychology and Research Skills
2	**Module Credits**	20
3	**Module Level**	4
4	**Module Code**	PSY4031

5	**Module Overview**
This module explores many of the key skills and competencies required for a successful transition to university and beyond. The module will introduce students to members of staff in the department as active researchers. The lectures will describe research skills and discuss how these have been used in real world research. The module will also explore many of the methods involved in planning and executing research within Psychology, such as identifying an appropriate research question, reviewing existing literature, research planning, data collection methods and ethical considerations. The module will also introduce different types of psychological research, providing some introductory skills that will set students up for their research methods modules throughout their course. As well as research skills, the module will also cover basic skills in academic writing, referencing, team working and presentation, providing students with the opportunity to improve skills and knowledge in all areas of academic work and conduct. All of the skills studied in this module are transferable to other modules on the Psychology programme and many other disciplines, providing students with the opportunity to acquire and improve skills that will benefit both their future studies and their employability.	

6	**Indicative Content**
Explore scientific approaches to psychological research, such as identifying an appropriate research question, reviewing existing literature, research planning, data collection methods and ethical considerations.	

7	**Module Learning Outcomes** **On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:**	
	1	Review and synthesise literature from primary sources, leading to a rationale.
	2	Demonstrate understanding of the content and structure of psychological research reports including an awareness of ethical considerations.
	3	Demonstrate skills in team working, presentation and active listening.
	4	Practise awareness of ways to further enhance personal qualities in relation to both academic and employability related skills.

8	Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome				
	Coursework	**Exam**	**In-Person**
1,3	X		X
2,4	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		44
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		46
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		110
Total Study Hours:		200