

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Cultural Psychology
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	5
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	PSY5065

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>This module will explore how culture influences human thought, feelings, cognitive processes and behaviour in an applied context. The relations between culture and psychology are both complex and profound. We will be considering a number of difficult questions including: What is human nature? What happens when different cultures collide? How do various ways of thinking differ across cultures? How does culture influence how we view ourselves? How can we study culture in psychology? How do cultures change or persist over time? The goals of the module are to introduce you to the field of cultural psychology, stimulate critical thinking and analytic skills generally, and help you to think about your own values from a cultural perspective.</p> <p>Throughout the module, you will be introduced to theory and research with real-world examples like the role of cultural background on stereotyping, acculturation, motivation and educational systems. Topics such as how culture influences mental and physical health, how people adjust to a new culture, acculturation, the role of cultural background on various cognitive and behavioural psychological processes, various forms of prejudice stereotyping including Islamophobia, and other practical real-world topics are discussed at length. In addition, topics that students generally enjoy—including how memes spread, why art looks different around the world, and what is considered attractive—are also discussed. Counterintuitive findings are highlighted as you learn, not just about cultural differences, but why differences exist and how they influence us. These are topics that are profound and more relevant than ever before in this increasingly global world.</p> <p>Furthermore, this module contributes to the internationalisation of the curriculum as it provides an evidence based approach on how different cultures and cultural background can influence human psychological process. The module will examine how considerations of cultural background should be taken under considerations when psychologists and practitioners design psychological interventions and psychological research programmes.</p> <p>The module will be supported by face-to-face learning in lectures and seminars, Moodle (VLE) activities and forums, as well as readings and other activities. Lectures will introduce a topic to students while seminars will support learning by employing practical activities, further instruction, and group work. Seminars will relate to the content in the lecture the week before.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<p>Topics include (note that these are subject to change):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture and human nature</li> <li>• Culture and development</li> <li>• Culture and the self</li> <li>• Culture and cognition</li> <li>• Culture and emotion</li> <li>• Culture and interpersonal relationships</li> <li>• Culture and health</li> </ul>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>		
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>		
	<b>1</b>	Critically discuss psychological theory and research on cultural psychology.	
	<b>2</b>	Discuss key cultural factors that influence thought, feelings, and behaviours.	
	<b>3</b>	Apply cultural psychology theory to help explain real world phenomenon.	
	<b>4</b>	Critically reflect on your own culture and how it influences your psychology.	

<b>8</b>	<b>Module Assessment</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>		<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Exam</b>
<b>1, 2, 3, 4</b>		<b>X</b>	

<b>9</b>	<b>Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities</b>	
<b>Learning Activities</b>		<b>Hours</b>
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		33
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		47
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams		120
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>		200