

BEHV 1016 PSYCHOLOGY: BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101183

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Description This unit expands on the nature and history of psychology as a scientific discipline by focussing on the study of the biological bases of human behaviour, memory, language and thought, sensation and perception, motivation, emotion and learning. Research methods to scientifically study behaviour are introduced, including ethical research and practice with reference to diverse cultural contexts.

School Psychology

Discipline Behavioural Science

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Restrictions

Note that only students enrolled at WSU Online may register in the WSU Online subjects offered at that location.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify major issues and debates in the nature and history of psychology.
2. Recognise the key theoretical concepts and major empirical findings in the domains of psychology covered in the subject.
3. Describe the methods used by psychologists in their research, including an evaluation of ethical practice in culturally diverse contexts.
4. Construct a partial research report conforming to current APA (American Psychological Association) Publication Guidelines.

Subject Content

The Nature and History of Psychology.
Cognitive Psychology.
Learning.
Sensation and Perception.
Biological Psychology.
Research method, ethics and cultural contexts.
Motivation and Emotion.
Mind, Consciousness, and Alternate States.
Applied Psychology.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Report	1500 words	40	N	Individual
Quiz	4 Online Quizzes	0	N	Individual
Participation	5 hours of research participation	5	N	Individual
Quiz	Up to 20 multiple choice questions per quiz	10	N	Individual
Final Exam	2 hours	45	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

Summer A

Bankstown

Day

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WSU Online TRI-2

Wsu Online

Online

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Spring

Bankstown

Day

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Penrith (Kingswood)

Day

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Online

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Day

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WSU Online TRI-3

Wsu Online

Online

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