

# BEHV 1018 PSYCHOLOGY: HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101184

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**Description** Psychology is a field of scientific inquiry that uses a set of scientific techniques and methods to explain and understand the causes of behaviour. As a profession, psychology applies its knowledge to practical problems in human behaviour. This unit covers a range of topics in psychology at an introductory level including: the history of psychology, intelligence, social psychology, developmental psychology, Australian Indigenous and cross-cultural psychology, personality, and abnormal psychology.

**School** Psychology

**Discipline** Behavioural Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**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. Use information resources, including the library.
2. Explain the key theoretical concepts and major empirical findings in the domains of psychology covered in the subject: History of psychology, indigenous and cultural psychology, social psychology, developmental psychology, intelligence, personality, and abnormal psychology.
3. Identify issues of indigenous and intercultural diversity associated with the study and application of psychology across the different disciplines.
4. Describe the methods used by psychologists in their research, including the importance of a literature review to research and practice, and an evaluation of ethical practice.
5. Apply basic critical thinking and argument formation in a literature review writing task adhering to the APA (American Psychological Association) Publication Guidelines (5th edition), including all stages of literature collation and review within a particular topic, information literacy, and the appropriate technique for referencing material.
6. Identify the influence of individual differences and of environmental context on behaviour.
7. Demonstrate foundational information literacy by navigating information resources, including the library, to collect credible material.
8. Explain the key theoretical concepts and major empirical findings in the domains of psychology covered in the subject.

9. Evaluate psychological approaches to cultural diversity and Australian Indigenous perspectives.
10. Describe the methods used by psychologists in their research, including the importance of a literature review to research and practice, and an evaluation of ethical practice.
11. Apply basic critical thinking and argument formation in a literature review writing task adhering to the current APA (American Psychological Association) Publication Guidelines.
12. Identify the influence of individual differences and of environmental context on behaviour.

## Subject Content

- Introduction to psychology and critical thinking/argument in psychology
- Individual Differences and assessment
- Intelligence and Personality
- Developmental Psychology
- social and cultural Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Introduction to the major perspectives in psychology and critical thinking/argument in psychology
- Australian indigenous and cross-cultural 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
Literature Review	1500 words	35	N	Individual
Multiple Choice	20 multiple choice questions	0	N	Individual
Participation	5 hours of research participation	5	N	Individual
Quiz	20 multiple choice questions	30	N	Individual
Final Exam	1 hour	30	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Autumn

### Bankstown

#### Day

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### Penrith (Kingswood)

#### Day

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## **Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

### **Day**

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## **WSU Online TRI-1**

### **Wsu Online**

#### **Online**

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