

# BEHV 4009 ADVANCED TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102907

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**Description** Psychological research and practice exist in a cultural, historical and social context. This subject provides students with knowledge and skills for working in Psychology in the complex, unpredictable and diverse contemporary Australian society. In this subject students develop an advanced level of theoretical and empirical knowledge in selected topics of psychology, an awareness of how this knowledge underpins evidence-based approaches to psychological intervention, and an enhanced capacity for conducting research in selected topic areas. The subject fosters an appreciation of psychology as a scientific discipline and the interplay between psychological research and real-world psychology practice.

**School** Psychology

**Discipline** Psychology

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 4 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** BEHV 4001 - Advanced Topics in Psychology

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in programs 1796 Graduate Diploma of Psychology, 1865 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), 1860 Bachelor of Psychological Studies (Honours), 1504 Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) Honours, 1500/1834 Bachelor of Psychology, or 1905 Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours). Students enrolled in 1500/1834 Bachelor of Psychology must have successfully completed 240 credit points.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate advanced theoretical and empirical psychological knowledge in core areas of the discipline,
2. Reflect on their own knowledge of core areas of contemporary psychology.
3. Complete a project to address self-identified gaps in their skills and knowledge in contemporary Psychology
4. Communicate advanced psychological principles, ideas, and research findings clearly and concisely in varied contexts, including interprofessional.
5. Explain how to extend the boundaries of psychological knowledge through research.
6. Critically evaluate the knowledge derived from published psychological research, and use appropriate judgement in the interpretation and application of that research.

## Subject Content

The subject consists of modules on advanced areas of psychology that reflect the need for psychologists to adapt to the changing social and professional environment in which they work.

The subject will cover

- Multidisciplinary health care teamwork
- Sexualities and gender identity
- Indigenous psychology
- Multicultural and multilingual settings
- Therapy modes- such as bibliotherapy, telehealth, blended modes
- The psychology of ageing
- Environmental and political 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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Reflection	Total 1000 words	20	N	Individual
Presentation	10 minutes, with 5 minutes for questions and/or leading discussion	40	N	Individual
Final Exam	2 hours	40	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2022)

### Bankstown

#### Day

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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