

# BEHV 1016 PSYCHOLOGY: BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101183

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**Description** This subject 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

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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. 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

1. Introduction to the Subject
2. Research Methods
3. Cross-cultural Psychology
4. Aboriginal Psychology
5. Sensation & Perception
6. Genes & Environment
7. Biological Bases of Mental Life & Behaviour
8. Learning
9. Applied Psychology
10. Language & Thinking
11. Emotion & Motivation
12. Consciousness

## 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
Report	1700 words	40	N	Individual
Participation	5 hours of research participation	5	N	Individual
Quiz	1 hour	10	N	Individual
Final Exam	2 hours	45	N	Individual

## WSU Online Trimester 3

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
Report	1500 words	40	N	Individual
Quiz	Plagiarism and referencing quiz (4 quizzes in total)	S/U	Y	Individual
Participation	Five hours of research participation	5	N	Individual
Quiz	4 quizzes	10	N	Individual
Final Exam	2 hours	45	N	Individual

## Prescribed Texts

- Burton, L. J., Westen, D., & Kowalski, R. (2023). Psychology: Sixth Australian and New Zealand edition. John Wiley & Sons Australia, Ltd.

## Teaching Periods

## Spring (2023)

### Bankstown City

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### Penrith (Kingswood)

#### On-site

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## **WSU Online TRI-3 (2023)**

### **Wsu Online**

#### **Online**

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## **WSU Online TRI-2 (2024)**

### **Wsu Online**

#### **Online**

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## **Spring (2024)**

### **Bankstown City**

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