

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	AN INTRODUCTION TO EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	PS1610 (L4)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	20 CREDITS / 10 ECTS
<b>CAMPUS</b>	UCLAN CYPRUS		
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE		

### MODULE AIMS

The module aims are:

- To introduce students to evolutionary theory and to demonstrate its application to psychology.
- To outline the scope and limits of 'evolutionary psychology', an emerging component of the discipline of psychology.

### MODULE CONTENT

Topics will be selected from the following:

- The nature of the evolutionary perspective on psychology
- Evolutionary theory and its predictions
- Human evolutionary history and primate characteristics
- Reproductive decisions and sex differences
- Evolutionary developmental psychology
- Aggression and conflict
- Altruism and cooperation
- The evolution of culture
- Social life, cognition and brains

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

<b>On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:</b>	
<b>1.</b>	Identify and describe the theoretical bases underpinning an evolutionary approach to psychology.
<b>2.</b>	Identify and describe the mechanisms producing evolutionary change.
<b>3.</b>	Identify and describe the relationships between evolutionary theory and its predictions for human behaviour.
<b>4.</b>	Identify and describe the range of procedures for testing evolutionary predictions.

### TEACHING METHODS

Teaching will be delivered by a series of two-hour lectures. The assessment is a MCQ examination requiring a broad understanding of material on the module.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

The module is assessed through a written examination.