

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY		
MODULE CODE	PS1020 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / 10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

MODULE AIMS

The aim of this module is to introduce key concepts, studies, subject areas, and methodological approaches within developmental and social psychology making reference to some key issues and debates in the history of psychology.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

Developmental Psychology
 Piagetian theory
 Moral development
 Gender development
 Attachment and separation
 Social learning theory and socialisation
 Adolescence and life-span development
 Social Psychology
 Social perception and attribution
 Attitudes
 Pro-social behaviour
 Interpersonal attraction
 Aggression
 Social influences

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Define, identify and describe introductory themes and topics related to the theory and practice of developmental psychology.
2. Define, identify and describe introductory themes and topics related to the theory and practice of social psychology.
3. Describe and discuss a key theme or topic in either developmental or social psychology.

TEACHING METHODS

The module consists of lectures and workshops. Workshops expand on syllabus topics or cover additional topics, for instance: evaluation of the Zimbardo prison study replication and the impact of day-care on child development. The assessments test a broad understanding of material (MCQ) but also offer the opportunity to research a particular topic in detail (essay).

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an examination and a written assignment.