

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	BEING A PSYCHOLOGIST		
MODULE CODE	PS1050 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / 10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

MODULE AIMS

The module aims to introduce students to the ethical practice of psychology, and to start the process of planning a career either as a psychologist, or in another career which will use the knowledge and skills developed in a psychology degree.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

The module will focus on employability matters such as the pathways to practice in various fields of psychology and provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their current position, their career aspirations and how they will achieve them. With a focus on psychological practice, the module will discuss key ethical issues and principles within the BPS Code of Ethics and Conduct, to develop students' awareness of working ethically as at the heart of being a psychologist.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Plan a pathway to a chosen career in Psychology.
2. Identify ethical issues and consider the implications of these.

TEACHING METHODS

Core material will be delivered via lectures, this will allow students (whatever their previous educational experience) to be made aware of ethical practice, the principles of which can be applied with the work of Psychologists, but in other professions also. Students will have an early formative essay on ethical practice, which will give feedback on essay writing skills as well as consolidating early learning on ethics. Small group work on case studies will further develop students' thinking about ethics issues. Students will learn about employment options with a Psychology degree, as well as developing their own employability such as via CV writing. Employability matters will also be linked to theories within Vocational Psychology, to help students to set employment choices into a theoretical and research context.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through two courseworks.