

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	PS2020 (L5)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	20 UK CREDITS / 10 ECTS
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

### MODULE AIMS

The module covers in some detail the main areas of theory and research in contemporary social and developmental psychology.

### MODULE CONTENT

**Indicative syllabus content:**

#### Social Psychology Lecture Content

- Attitude change and persuasion, and the attitude-behaviour relationship.
- Social Influence
- Prosocial Behaviour
- Social cognition: schemas and stereotypes, heuristics, social inference.
- Attribution: theories, research and applications.
- Social psychological perspectives on mood, emotion, language and communication.
- Aggression.
- Group processes: Intra- and inter-group processes, including polarization, groupthink, social identity theory; aspects of group structure and functioning
- Leadership

#### Developmental Psychology Lecture Content

- Theories of Cognitive Development
- Language Development
- Attachment
- Theory of Mind
- Peer and sibling influence
- Temperament
- The development of self

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Show knowledge and understanding of the main findings, theories and research methods in social and developmental psychology.
2. Discuss and critically evaluate important issues in social and/or developmental psychology.
3. Communicate an in-depth investigation of one topic in social or developmental psychology.

### TEACHING METHODS

The module consists of lectures and interactive sessions that highlight main theoretical and empirical issues and findings in each topic area and direct the student's general reading and development. Additional revision activities further aid assimilation of these materials for the examination. Course work for this module involves a presentation based on group study, on one topic on either social or developmental psychology, answering a specific question from the lecture series.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an examination and a coursework presentation.