

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	ADVANCED DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY		
MODULE CODE	PS3051 (L6)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / 10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to provide detailed coverage of the major developmental disorders, and the roles that Psychologists can take in helping those suffering from them, emphasising the social & emotional aspects of psychopathology.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

Lectures will provide a solid grounding in the developmental psychopathology approach to mental disorders. For example:

- Developmental Psychopathology as a scientific discipline
- Developmental Psychopathology and disorder classification systems
- Developmental Psychopathology: Nature and nurture (this will cover the genetic and environmental influences on developmental psychopathology without overlapping with previous modules in developmental psychology).
- Risk and Resilience in Developmental Psychopathology (child maltreatment and trauma).
- Externalising Disorders (ADHD, CD, ODD)
- Pervasive Developmental Disorders (Autism Spectrum Disorders)
- Internalising Disorders (Anxiety and Depression - but not overlapping health psychology)
- Other Disorders (Intellectual disabilities, Eating Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Self-harm, PTSD, Substance use etc.)
- Current topics in Clinical Developmental Neuroscience: contemporary ('hot') topics in developmental psychopathology.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Critically evaluate key concepts, theories, research methods and findings in the study of developmental disorders.
2. Critically evaluate psychological intervention strategies employed in working with people with developmental disorders.
3. Work independently to identify, select, interpret and apply information from psychological research.

TEACHING METHODS

The module consists of lectures and coursework support sessions. The lectures highlight the main theoretical and empirical issues and findings and direct the students' reading. Coursework support sessions provide an opportunity to develop research ideas in discussion with other students and with the support of the module tutors.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a coursework and an examination.