

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Psychology Research in Context</b>				
<b>Course code</b>	<b>PSY1206</b>				
<b>Course type</b>	Compulsory				
<b>Level</b>	Bachelors				
<b>Year / Semester</b>	Year 1 / 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester				
<b>Teacher's name</b>	Dr Florentia Hadjiefthyvoulou				
<b>ECTS</b>	6	<b>Lectures / week</b>	3hrs	<b>Laboratories / week</b>	-
<b>Course purpose and objectives</b>	<p>This introductory course explores how psychological science is applied in real-world settings and how research informs professional practice. Students are introduced to the roles of applied and non-applied psychologists, ethical principles, and responsible communication of psychological knowledge. The course provides early exposure to diverse career pathways through practitioner guest lectures and showcases departmental research areas such as addiction, digital behaviour, mental health, decision-making, and educational psychology. Through reflective and portfolio-based assessments, students begin developing foundational professional skills, career awareness, and an understanding of how psychological research translates into practice.</p>				
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>On successful completion of the course and with further independent study, students will be able to:</p> <p><b>Knowledge and Understanding</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the roles of applied and non-applied psychologists and explain how psychological research is translated into professional practice.</li> <li>2. Demonstrate understanding of key ethical principles and professional values that guide responsible psychological work and communication.</li> </ol> <p><b>Competencies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Identify and reflect on the pathways, responsibilities, and training requirements associated with selected careers in psychology.</li> <li>4. Summarise and evaluate applied examples of psychological research presented in spotlight talks and guest lectures.</li> </ol> <p><b>Transferable Skills</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Communicate psychological knowledge using appropriate formats</li> <li>6. Demonstrate self-reflection and goal-setting skills to support personal and professional development</li> </ol>				

Prerequisites	None	Required	
<b>Course content</b>	<p><b>Indicative Content</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to Applied Psychology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles of psychologists in society (applied/non-applied)</li> <li>• How research translates into practice</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Skills, Ethics &amp; Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethical practice across psychological professions</li> <li>• Responsible communication of psychological knowledge</li> </ul> <p><b>Careers in Psychology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways to applied roles</li> <li>• Guest Lectures from practitioners</li> </ul> <p><b>Psychology Research in Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectures from departmental staff on their own research and how can be applied. Lectures in areas of addiction, digital behaviour, mental health, educational psychology, personality etc</li> </ul>		
<b>Teaching methodology</b>	<p>Teaching will consist of lectures, in-class discussions, case studies, and quizzes designed to assess understanding and provide opportunities for formative feedback. The assessment for this course consists of two components (1) a reflective presentation on a selected psychology career pathway, outlining its core responsibilities, typical work settings, the qualifications and training required to enter the profession and (2) an individual portfolio comprising of blogpost type pieces of four spotlight talks.</p>		
<b>Bibliography</b>	<p><b>Core Text:</b></p> <p>Martin, G. N., &amp; Carlson, N. R. (2025). <i>Psychology</i> (7th ed.). Pearson.</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Psychological Association. (n.d.). <i>Your guide to psychology careers</i>. <a href="https://www.apa.org/education-career/guide">https://www.apa.org/education-career/guide</a></li> <li>• British Psychological Society. (n.d.). <i>Find your career in psychology</i>. <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/find-your-career-psychology">https://www.bps.org.uk/find-your-career-psychology</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Further reading:</b></p> <p>A reading list will accompany each lecture, highlighting relevant articles accessible through the library, as well as open-access and e-learning resources.</p>		

<b>Assessment</b>	Attendance and participation	10%
	Individual Presentation	20%
	Research blogpost Portfolio	70%
<b>Language</b>	English	