

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY AND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4502PSYWUC** (128533)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021  
Owning School/Faculty: Psychology  
Teaching School/Faculty: Westford University College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 40  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 160

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	36
Seminar	4

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	Coursework	4 x 400 word précis	50	
Essay	Coursework	1500 word individual differences essay	50	

### Aims

- 1. To present a range of topics in developmental psychology and individual differences research*
- 2. To introduce the methods applied to understanding key issues in developmental psychology and individual differences research*
- 3. To enable students to consult and summarise appropriate sources to explain key issues in developmental psychology and individual differences research*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of a range of topics in developmental psychology and individual differences research
- 2 Demonstrate the ability to summarise and explain key issues in developmental psychology and individual differences research

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Coursework	1
Coursework	2

## Outline Syllabus

*Key issues in Developmental Psychology; Attachment, Language Development, Cognitive Development Social Development*  
*Key issues in Individual Differences Research: Personality, Intelligence, Learning, Psychometrics, Dynamics*

## Learning Activities

Large group lectures introduce the topics to students, smaller group seminars focus on coursework preparation.

## Notes

This module introduces students to range of historical issues in developmental psychology and individual differences research. Within the core area of developmental psychology students will consider issues such as the processes of attachment between a parent and child underpinning early social relationships, how children learn to understand and to produce spoken language including the impact of the social context, the developing cognitive skills of a child and how social and cultural factors may impact upon this development. Within the core area of individual differences students will examine the evidence for differences in personality types and variations in intelligence . They will also consider the topic of psychometrics; how these traits and abilities of individuals can be measured and assessed. The final topic examines aspects of dynamics; emotions, motivations and moods. They will also consider the topic of psychometrics; how these traits and abilities of individuals can be measured and assessed. Psychometric tests will be explored with reference to qualitative aspects that includes content validity and the role of focus groups.