

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY AND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
Status: Definitive
Code: **4503PSYSLI** (127490)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021
Owning School/Faculty: Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 38
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 162

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	32
Online	4
Seminar	2

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	4 x 400 word précis	60	
Test	MCT	8 phased MCTs	40	

Aims

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

issues in developmental psychology and individual differences.

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.
- 2 Demonstrate the ability to summarise and explain key issues in developmental psychology and individual differences.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Coursework	1	2
MCT	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. Online conference activities are directed towards further support for coursework preparation

Notes

This module introduces students to range of historical issues in developmental psychology and individual differences. 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.