

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
Status: Definitive
Code: **5504PSYWUC** (128546)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Westford University College

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ5
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	32
Tutorial	8

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	Essay to focus on one of the three major areas in the module: health; social; forensic psychology.	50	
Essay	Essay	Essay to focus on two of the three major areas in the module: health; social; forensic psychology.	50	

Aims

1. To introduce students to the psychology of risk-taking behaviours and threat assessment in the context of health, digital communication and crime.

2. To develop students' ability to evaluate risk-taking behaviours and threat assessment in applied psychology from multiple perspectives.
3. To facilitate students' personal and educational development through structured and supported tutorials.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate risk-taking behaviours and threats from multiple perspectives in applied psychology.
- 2 Describe and evaluate how research in health psychology, social psychology and forensic psychology can be applied to the contemporary world.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay 1	1
Essay 2	2

Outline Syllabus

Risky health behaviour: sexual behaviour, eating behaviour, substance use, physical activity, psychological approaches to reducing healthy behaviour.

Self and others in the digital age: self efficacy, self-esteem, non-verbal communication, multi-tasking, psychological approaches to promoting online safety.

Crime and conflict: terrorism, terrorism and the media, cybercrime, psychological approaches to crime prevention

Learning Activities

Lectures
Tutorials
Tutor-led discussion board

Notes

The module covers three applied domains in psychology: health psychology (risky health behaviour), social psychology (self and others in the digital age) and forensic psychology (crime and conflict). Each topic is covered from multiple perspectives.