

## Approaches to Consciousness

### Module Information

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#### Summary Information

Module Code	7501ALEFTP
Formal Module Title	Approaches to Consciousness
Owning School	Psychology
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

#### Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

#### Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
The Alef Trust CIC

#### Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	15
Online	15
Tutorial	8

#### Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	12 Weeks

## Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<p>1. To enable students to engage critically with the contemporary discourse on the nature of consciousness—its relation to physical processes, such as those in the human brain, its possible status as a fundamental property of the universe, and the issues involved in those transformations of conscious state that spiritual and mystical traditions promote.2. To explore in depth the impact of worldview, beliefs, and personal aspirations on definitions of consciousness and on the theories that have been advanced to explain consciousness.3. To facilitate mature and informed reflection by students on their assumptions about the nature of consciousness and how these impact on their own sense of personal and/or spiritual growth.</p>
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**After completing the module the student should be able to:**

### Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Review and critically evaluate major theories that have been advanced to explain consciousness and its relation to other processes, such as those at microphysical, biological and/or universal levels of explanation.
MLO2	2	Conceptualise the relevance of current theories of consciousness for notions of psychological growth and/or spiritual development.
MLO3	3	Critically assess the contribution to the advancement of consciousness research of one or more recent conference presentations. This ability to be demonstrated through a group online presentation.

## Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamental issues in the study of consciousness:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Philosophical considerations</li> <li>o Consciousness and modern physics</li> <li>o Neuroscientific approaches to consciousness</li> <li>o Neurophysiological concepts—binding; recurrent processing</li> <li>o Cognitive neuroscience—implicit processing; global workspace</li> <li>o Spiritual and mystical approaches to consciousness</li> <li>o Perennialism and ‘pure consciousness’</li> <li>o Transformations of conscious states.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Module Overview	
Additional Information	<p>This module is a core module on a fully online, distance learning MSc programme. All activities take place via the Collaborative Learning Environment (CLE) into which students will be inducted at the commencement of the programme. The term "online" under Delivery Options includes teaching delivered through synchronous webinars and through asynchronous forums.</p>

## Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Presentation	Group Presentation	35	0	MLO1, MLO3
Presentation	Essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO2
Presentation	Forum Engagement	5	0	MLO1, MLO2

## Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Les Lancaster	Yes	N/A

**Partner Module Team**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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