

Spiritual Psychology

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7502ALEFTP
Formal Module Title	Spiritual Psychology
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	20
Online	15

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 contextualise the contemporary interest in spirituality in historical and cultural perspective. 2. To explore in depth the relationship between psychology and spirituality, including issues of measurement and frameworks for explaining spiritual phenomena in ways that adhere to the conventions current in academic psychology. 3. To examine critically how the above issues of measurement and explanation can be applied with respect to two areas (available from a range offered as optional topics within the module) that exemplify approaches in which spiritual traditions and their practices have been viewed through the lens of contemporary psychology.</p>
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate understanding of two specific approaches to spirituality to a depth that enables them to evaluate how the approaches relate to contemporary psychology.
MLO2	2	Critically address issues of defining spirituality and recognising where ontological assumptions may clash with those that underpin scientific psychology.
MLO3	3	Explore in depth both the value and potential limitations of applying psychological perspectives to two areas (available from a range offered as optional topics within the module) that exemplify contemporary expressions of spirituality.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rise of modern spirituality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Secularism and post-secularism; o factors influencing the decline of traditional religion o trends towards 'quest' • Issues of definition and measurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o conceptualising the 'sacred' o scales of measurement and qualitative approaches <p>Consideration of the above in two areas from a list of optional topics. Such optional topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Contemporary spirituality o Transpersonal ecopsychology o Transpersonal dreaming o Sufi psychology o Kabbalistic psychology o Shamanistic psychology
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
Essay	Essay	95	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3
Practice	Forum Contributions	5	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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