

BEHV 0001 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN BEHAVIOUR (WSTC PREP)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700220

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Description This unit provides students with an overview and evolution of psychology and conventional scientific techniques and methods to explain and understand the causes of human behaviour and human personality. It also assists students in the development of academic skills commensurate with tertiary studies. Topics to be studied at an introductory level include: the history of psychology, intelligence, social psychology, psychoanalytic theories, behaviourist/learning theories, cognitive theories, biological view, developmental psychology and abnormal psychology.

School Western Sydney The College

Discipline Behavioural Science

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

Equivalent Subjects BEHV 0002 - Introduction to Human Behaviour (UWSC)

Restrictions Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Define and explain important concepts related to the subject.
2. Describe the major empirical findings or theories of the domains of psychology covered in the subject.
3. Distinguish key characteristics of major theories of human behaviour.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of individual differences and the influence of environmental context on behaviour.
5. Develop an argument in written form and apply referencing conventions.
6. Construct a coherent argument in oral form.

Subject Content

1. History of psychology, its ancient roots and evolution as a scientific discipline
2. Scientific principles of psychology
3. Applied psychology
4. Theories of intelligence
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6. Cognitive perspective
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Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Report	300 words	5	N	Individual
Presentation	12 slides minimum	20	N	Individual
Quiz		15	N	Individual
Essay	1,000 words	30	N	Individual
End-of-session Exam	2 hours	30	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- The College Introduction to Human Behaviour Workbook

Teaching Periods

Term 1

Bankstown

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Term 3

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