

BEHV 1023 THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY (WSTC)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700051

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Description This unit introduces the main theoretical perspectives for understanding the 'individual in society', including: humanistic, biological, cognitive, behavioural and socio-cultural explanations of individual behaviour. These perspectives are further understood through application of the 'levels of analysis' framework. The content then moves on to social psychology and covers topics such as: self and identity, attitudes and attitude change, conformity and obedience, prejudice and discrimination, aggression, pro-social behaviour and attraction and close relationships. Students explore the relevance of these topics to everyday life and contemporary issues.

School Social Sciences

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 1 subject

Pre-requisite(s) BEHV 0001 (Diploma of Criminal and Community Justice Extended only)

Co-requisite(s) Before taking BEHV 1023 students in programs 6023 6027 or 6030 must have passed or be registered in CULT0006 and LANG 0003 and students in program 6029 must have passed or be registered in LANG 0003 GEDU 0014 and JUST 0003

Equivalent Subjects BEHV 1021 - The Individual in Society

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College unless they have permission from the School. Students enrolled in extended diplomas must pass 40 credit points from the preparatory subjects listed in the program structure prior to enrolling in this University level subject. Students enrolled in the Diploma of Criminal and Community Justice Extended must have successfully completed BEHV 0001 Introduction to Human Behaviour.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify the major perspectives in psychology and key social psychological theories and concepts;
2. Summarise levels of analysis and selected social psychological theories and concepts;
3. Apply key theories and concepts to everyday life and contemporary issues.

Subject Content

Major perspectives in psychology.
Levels of analysis framework.
Self and identity.

Attitudes and attitude change.
Prejudice and discrimination and inter-group behaviour.
Social influence.
Aggression and pro-social behaviour.
Attraction and close relationships.
Language, communication and culture.

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
Reflection	750 words	25	N	Individual
Log/Workbook	Weekly from week 2-week 11	15	N	Individual
Reflection	2000 words - 750 words, 1250 words	40	N	Individual
Quiz	10 quizzes up to 1 hour each In-class test in week 12 tutorial 10%	20	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Griffin, T. (Ed.) (2016). The Individual in Society (3rd edition). North Ryde: McGraw Hill.

Teaching Periods

Term 1

Bankstown

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Term 2

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Term 3

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