

# BEHV 1018 PSYCHOLOGY: HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101184

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**Description** Psychology is a field of scientific inquiry that uses a set of scientific techniques and methods to explain and understand the causes of behaviour. As a profession, psychology applies its knowledge to practical problems in human behaviour. This subject covers a range of topics in psychology at an introductory level including: the history of psychology, intelligence, social psychology, developmental psychology, Australian Indigenous and cross-cultural psychology, personality, and abnormal psychology.

**School** Psychology

**Discipline** Behavioural Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

## Restrictions

Note that only students enrolled at WSU Online may register in the WSU Online subjects offered at that location.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Navigate information resources, to collect credible material.
2. Distinguish features of the major theoretical perspectives in psychology.
3. Describe scientific techniques and methods used in psychology research.
4. Identify key elements of Indigenous psychology in Australia.
5. Summarise key topics of psychology adhering to the current APA (American Psychological Association) Publication Guidelines.

## Subject Content

1. Introduction to the major perspectives in psychology and critical thinking/argument in psychology
2. Individual Differences and assessment
3. Intelligence and Personality
4. Developmental Psychology
5. Social and Cultural Psychology
6. Abnormal Psychology
7. Australian Indigenous and cross-cultural psychology.

## 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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Summary	1500 words (500 words for each Topic Summary)	40	N	Individual
Multiple Choice	20 multiple choice questions	5	N	Individual
Participation	5 hours of research participation	5	N	Individual
Quiz	20 multiple choice questions	20	N	Individual
Final Exam	1 hour	30	N	Individual

## WSU Online Trimesters

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Literature Review	1,500 words	35	N	Individual
Quiz	20 questions	0	Y	Individual
Participation	Research participation or alternative task	5	N	Individual
Quiz	Four quizzes of 20 questions	30	N	Individual
Final Exam	One hour	30	N	Individual

## Prescribed Texts

- Burton, Westen, D., & Kowalski, R. (2022). Psychology (Sixth Australian and New Zealand edition.). John Wiley & Sons.

## Teaching Periods

## WSU Online TRI-1 (2024)

### Wsu Online

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## Autumn (2024)

### Bankstown City

#### On-site

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## **Penrith (Kingswood)**

### **On-site**

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## **Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

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## **WSU Online TRI-3 (2024)**

### **Wsu Online**

#### **Online**

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