BEHV 2018 PERSONALITY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102906

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Description Most of us probably use the term 'personality' almost every day. Yet the conceptualisation and definition of personality is far from settled. This subject introduces the controversies and debates in the psychology of personality, as well as the major theoretical and applied approaches to its measurement. Emphasis is placed on an understanding of personality research and its implications for the practice of psychology.

School Psychology

Discipline Psychology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Equivalent Subjects BEHV 2011 - Personality Motivation and Emotion BEHV 3017 - Personality

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the major theories of personality (APAC Graduate Attributes 1.1i, 1.1ii).
2. Analyse contemporary personality research to solve scientific problems, including in peer groups (APAC GA 1.1ii, 1.1xii 1.3, 1.5).
3. Identify the practical implications of individual differences and personality research to applied psychology (APAC GA 1.1i, 1.1ii, 1.3).
4. Identify impacts of cultural context on personality and identity, including from Indigenous Australian perspectives (APAC GA 1.1ii, 1.1xi, 1.2)
5. Communicate scientific thinking for a variety of audiences (APAC GA 1.1,1.3, 1.6).

Subject Content

1. Introduction to Personality: What is personality and individual differences?
2. The Psychoanalytic Approach: Freud's psychoanalytic perspective; psychoanalytic alternatives to Freud; Neo-Freudian psychoanalytic perspectives.
3. The Behaviourist Approach: Radical behaviourism; cognitive behaviourism.
4. The Humanistic/Existentialist/Phenomenological Approach
5. The Dispositional Approach
6. Comparisons and evaluations.
7. Expressions of personality
8. Extremes of personality expression: personality disorders

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	Mandatory
Participation	5-10 minutes per week	10	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	1300 words	40	N	Individual	N
Applied Project	1800 words	50	Y	Group/ Individual	Y

WSU Online

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Log/ Workbook	1300 words	30	N	Individual	N
Applied Project	1200 words	30	N	Group/ Individual	N
Final Exam	5 minutes	40	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Maltby J. Day L. & Macaskill A. (2022). Personality individual differences and intelligence (5th ed.). Pearson.

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-1 (2025)
Wsu Online
Online
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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=BEHV2018_25-OT1_OW_2#subjects)

Autumn (2025)
Bankstown City
On-site
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Penrith (Kingswood)
On-site
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Parramatta - Victoria Rd
On-site
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timetable/?subject_code=BEHV2018_25-AUT_PS_1#subjects)

WSU Online TRI-3 (2025)
Wsu Online
Online
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timetable/?subject_code=BEHV2018_25-OT3_OW_2#subjects)