

BEHV 0001 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN BEHAVIOUR (WSTC PREP)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700220

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Description This subject 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

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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. Distinguish key characteristics of major theories and concepts of human behaviour.
2. Identify the influence of individual differences and of environmental context on behaviour.
3. Review academic sources related to the field of human behaviour for structure and topic focus.
4. Develop an argument in written form and apply appropriate referencing conventions.

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.
5. Psychoanalytic perspective
6. Cognitive perspective
7. Biological perspective
8. Social psychology.
9. Developmental psychology.

10. Abnormal psychology as part of the major perspectives

11. Humanistic perspective

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
Critical Review	250 words	15	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Quiz	1 hour	15	N	Individual	N
Quiz	2 hours (250 words)	30	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- The College Introduction to Human Behaviour Workbook