BEHV 1021 THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101557

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Description This subject 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

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects BEHV 1002 - Interpersonal Interaction BEHV 1006 - Introduction to the Psychology of Health BEHV 1023 - The Individual in Society

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

1. Major perspectives in psychology
2. Levels of analysis framework
3. Self and identity
4. Attitudes and attitude change
5. Prejudice and discrimination and inter-group behaviour
6. Social influence
7. Aggression and pro-social behaviour
8. Attraction and close relationships

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
Reflection	800 words	25	N	Individual	N
Log/ Workbook	Approx. 200 words per tutorial for 5 tutorials (monitored in-class)	20	N	Individual	N
Reflection	2000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Quiz	10 weekly quizzes, approx. 1 hour	10	N	Individual	N
Participation	10 minutes	5	N	Individual	N

Autumn Online

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Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	800 words	25	N	Individual	N
Log/ Workbook	Approx. 200 words per tutorial for 5 tutorials (monitored in-class)	20	N	Individual	N
Reflection	2000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Quiz	10 weekly quizzes, approx. 1 hour	10	N	Individual	N
Participation	10 minutes	5	N	Individual	N

Summer Online

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
Reflection	750 words	25	N	Individual	N
Participation	Approx. 200 words per tutorial for 5 tutorials + participation in online discussions	20	N	Individual	N
Reflection	2000 words	40	N	Individual	N

Quizzes	10 weekly quizzes, approx. 1 hour each	15	N		Individual	N

WSU Online

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Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	750 words	25	N	Individual	N
Log/ Workbook	Non Specified	20	N	Individual	N
Reflection	2000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Quiz	10 weekly quizzes, approx. 1 hour each	15	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Griffin, T. (Ed.) (2016). The Individual in Society (3rd Ed.). North Ryde: McGraw-Hill. Https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/wsudt/detail.action?docID=4770233

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-1 (2025)
Wsu Online
Online
Subject Contact Sky Hugman (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Sky Hugman/)

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=BEHV1021_25-OT1_OW_2#subjects)

Autumn (2025)
Penrith (Kingswood)
On-site
Subject Contact Sky Hugman (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Sky Hugman/)

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Liverpool
On-site
Subject Contact Sky Hugman (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Sky Hugman/)

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Online
Online
Subject Contact Sky Hugman (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Sky Hugman/)

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd
On-site
Subject Contact Sky Hugman (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Sky Hugman/)

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=BEHV1021_25-AUT_PS_1#subjects)

Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)
Sydney City
On-site
Subject Contact Alan Nixon (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Alan Nixon/)

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=BEHV1021_25-SC1_SC_1#subjects)

WSU Online TRI-3 (2025)
Wsu Online
Online
Subject Contact Rosalind Priestman (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Rosalind Priestman/)

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=BEHV1021_25-OT3_OW_2#subjects)

Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)
Sydney City
On-site
Subject Contact Alan Nixon (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Alan Nixon/)

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Summer (2025)
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