

# BEHV 1027 THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY (UG CERT)

## Credit Points 10

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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

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** BEHV 1021 - The Individual in Society  
BEHV 1023 - The Individual in Society (WSTC)

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in Course 7170 – Undergraduate Certificate in Counselling and Mental Health.

## Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will 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
9. Language, communication and culture

## Online Learning Requirements

Students will require a computer with a reliable internet connection, webcam and microphone in order to access learning activities and resources in the unit vUWS site

## 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	Mandatory Task
Quiz	1 hour	20	N	Individual	N
Reflection	Part A - 500 words	15	N	Individual	N
Reflection	Part B - 1000 words	25	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	1500 words	40	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>

Note that this is a free e-textbook for students enrolled in The Individual in Society.

The link takes you to the Library repository for this e-textbook.