

Fourth Year Electives

Semester 1

Course Code: PSYC4171

Course Title: Personnel Assessment

Course Coordinator: Dr Peter Macqueen

Course Description: This course is concerned with the effective recruitment, selection, and assessment of employees. Recruitment strategies are evaluated and considered from the perspective of both the organisation and the individual. Selection techniques are discussed in relation to issues of job relevancy, reliability, validity, fairness, applicability and cost. Performance appraisal systems are also examined as one mechanism for establishing whether recruitment and selection procedures have been effective. Students will develop an understanding of the literature on personnel assessment and also personnel assessment skills.

Course Code: PSYC4981

Course Title: Current Issues in Psychology I

Topic: Great Ideas and People in Psychology

Course Coordinator: Dr Eric Vanman

Course Description: In this course you'll get up close and personal with some of the great minds in psychology of the past century or so. You'll read the actual works of William James, Sigmund Freud, B.F. Skinner, and Steven Pinker, as well as others who are less well known. The main focus of this course is on the history of great ideas in modern psychology, with a special emphasis of the connections we can make between the past, the present, and the future of psychology. Although we will cover ideas and events from as early as the Ancient Greeks, Romans, and Egyptians, we will primarily concentrate on psychology during the last 130 years. This course is organised in a roughly chronological order. You will read several primary texts in this course and weekly lectures will provide background for those readings. Contact hours will also involve discussions and interactive activities each week.

Semester 2

Course Code: PSYC4000

Course Title: Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology

Course Coordinator: Associate Professor Stephanie Hanrahan

Course Description: Expansion on theoretical and practical knowledge of basic sport and exercise psychology. Emphasis on theoretical basis of applied sport and exercise psychology and the development of practical skills that can be employed as teachers, coaches, fitness professionals and exercise scientists. *(NB you cannot undertake this elective if you have previously completed PSYC3000)*

Course Code: PSYC4181

Course Title: Applied Social Psychology

Course Coordinator: Professor Alex Haslam

Course Description: The course will focus on the use of social psychological research paradigms to evaluate theory-based applications in areas such as health behaviour, psychology and law, inter-group relations and prejudice, and environmental issues. NB Prof Alex Haslam will be teaching this course for the first time in 2017 and the topic focus maybe revised slightly).

Course Code: PSYC4191

Course Title: Applied Cognitive Psychology

Course Coordinators: A/Prof Mark Horswill

Course Description: This course will introduce a selection of research topics from the psychological literature that addresses real world issues from a cognitive perspective. Topics to be covered include face recognition, eyewitness testimony, false memory, acquisition of expertise, and driving behaviour.

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