

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY		
MODULE CODE	PS2020(L5)	CREDIT VALUE	10 CREDITS / 5 ECTS
CAMPUS	UCLAN CYPRUS		
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE		

MODULE AIMS

The module covers in some detail the main areas of theory and research in contemporary social and developmental psychology.

MODULE CONTENT

Social Psychology Lecture Content

- Attitude change and persuasion, and the attitude-behaviour relationship.
- Social Influence
- Prosocial Behaviour
- Social cognition: schemas and stereotypes, heuristics, social inference.
- Attribution: theories, research and applications.
- Social psychological perspectives on mood, emotion, language and communication.
- Aggression.
- Group processes: Intra- and inter-group processes, including polarization, groupthink, social identity theory; aspects of group structure and functioning
- Leadership

Developmental Psychology Lecture Content

- Theories of Cognitive Development
- Language Development
- Attachment
- Theory of Mind
- Peer and sibling influence
- Temperament
- The development of self

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:	
1.	Show knowledge and understanding of the main findings, theories and research methods in social and developmental psychology.
2.	Discuss and critically evaluate important issues in social and/or developmental psychology.
3.	Communicate an in-depth investigation of one topic in social or developmental psychology

TEACHING METHODS

The module consists of lectures and interactive sessions that highlight main theoretical and empirical issues and findings in each topic area and direct the student's general reading and development. Additional revision activities further aid assimilation of these materials for the examination. Course work for this module involves a presentation based on group study, on one topic on either social or developmental psychology, answering a specific question from the lecture series.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

The module is assessed through a Coursework presentation (prepared and delivered in groups of 5-6 students) and a written examination.