

C8514

FURTHER STUDY IN
BIOLOGICAL AND
COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY



2017 Module Handbook

Official Module Code

C8514

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<https://pstjacques.youcanbook.me/>

Type of Module

Further Study in Biological and Cognitive Psychology is a second year option module, for all non-Psychology majors.

Prerequisite

Students should have previously taken Introduction to Biological and Cognitive Psychology, Module Code: C8554.

Syllabus

This module follows on from Introduction to Biological and Cognitive Psychology. The module core provides additional theory, evidence and critique in areas including Research Methods, Biological Psychology, Sensation and Perception, Consciousness, Learning, Attention and Memory, and, Thinking and Intelligence.

Module Aims and Objectives

By the end of the module, a successful student should be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key aspects and underlying concepts of Biological and Cognitive Psychology
- Critically evaluate the core methodologies employed in Biological and Cognitive Psychology, and how this affects the interpretation of results

Module Summary

Psychology is a science that used a number of techniques to reliably and validly answer questions that we have about the mind, brain and behaviour. This course will delve deeper into some of the core principles of psychological methodology, key ideas and theories surrounding cornerstone aspects of Psychology such as sensation and perception, consciousness, memory and learning, as well as applying these principles to everyday problems or situations.

Teaching

This involves one, two hour lecture each week.

Readings

All readings are available in pdf format on Study Direct, under the appropriate week. You do not need to buy a textbook for this course.

MODULE SCHEDULE

(Use Sussex Direct to confirm times and locations)

Date	Topic	Readings
Sep.26	L1) Introduction	Eysenck & Keane (Ch 1)
Oct.3	L2) Sensation & Perception	
Oct.10	L3) Attention	
Oct.17	In-Class Test 1	Materials from L1, L2, L3
Oct.24	L4) Memory	
Oct.31	L5) Thinking	
Nov.7	L6) Consciousness	
Nov.14	In-Class Test 2	Materials from L4, L5, L6
Nov.21	L7) Emotion	
Nov.28	L8) Mental Imagery	
Dec.5	L9) Course Review	N/A
Dec.12	In-Class Test 3	Materials from L7 and L8, and selected materials from L1 – L6

Assessment

All information concerning assessment will be available on Study Direct. The assessment deadline will appear in your timetable, viewable through Sussex Direct.

Information on the following can be found at the link below:

- Submitting your work
- Missing a deadline
- Plagiarism and Collusion - Academic Misconduct
- Late penalties
- Exceptional circumstances
- Exams
- Help with managing your studies and competing your work
- Assessment Criteria

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/psychology/internal/students/examinationsandassessment>

In-Class Tests (30%, 30%, 40%)

Your understanding of the lecture and reading materials will be assessed by three tests which contain multiple-choice questions only. The first two tests are not cumulative and will focus only on the materials of the immediately preceding weeks (for example, Test 2 will focus only on L4, L5 and L6). The exception is Test 3, which will include materials on L7 to L8, in addition to materials covered throughout the whole course.

Module Monitoring and Student Feedback

The module will be monitored using a variety of formal and informal methods. There is a forum specifically for this module on Study Direct that you can use anytime.

Feedback may be also collected during or after the lectures and you will be asked to complete a module questionnaire in the final two weeks of the module. Finally, the module organiser, Dr. Peggy St. Jacques, will be available during Office Hours for individual discussion of issues relating to the module.

Lecture Readings

Once again, you do not need to purchase a book for this course. All the materials that will appear on the in-class tests will be based on information and the application of information provided in the required readings.

PDFs of all the readings can be found on the module Study Direct site.

Optional readings, not tested, are also included to provide additional background. This section also includes links to some of the chapters that you previously covered in the Introduction to Biological and Cognitive Psychology (Module Code: C8554), which you may find helpful to have for review.