

Module Title :	SS1730 – Introduction to Psychology (10 ECTS)
	This module, which will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary terms, comprises one lecture and one seminar weekly. It provides a broad introduction to major theories within Psychology and a focus on the principles underlying individual and group interaction.
Section One Module Content	<p>Introduction to Psychology</p> <p>This section of the module covers major theoretical approaches and orientations within Psychology; methods of research; psychological development and change across the lifespan; cognitive processes and theoretical approaches to the study of personality and emotion. It includes the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of main theories and perspectives within contemporary Psychology• Learning and behaviour: The role of experience• Cognitive approaches to Psychology• Psychological development across the lifespan• Personality• Disorders of the mind• Therapeutic approaches within psychology
Section Two Module Content	<p>Introduction to Social Psychology</p> <p>This section of the module includes the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The study of Social Psychology• Attitudes and persuasion• Conformity and Compliance• Intergroup processes• Pro-social behaviour• Interpersonal attraction• Stereotypes, prejudice and aggression
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of this module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the key areas of study and methods of Social Psychology.• Distinguish the social processes of attitude and persuasion.• Understand the dynamics of group processes.• Appreciate the social influence that individuals can have on other individuals and on groups.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the factors involved in interpersonal attraction. • Explain the cause and development of fixed social judgements and behaviour
Lecturer:	Mr Kevin Gallagher
Assessment 1: (Michaelmas Term) Assessment 2: (Hilary Term)	1 essay / assignment = 30% of overall grade (Submission in December 2014) Annual Examination = 70% of overall grade
Penalty for late Submission	A penalty will be applied to students who submit essay / assignment late without an authorised extension.