

Module Title :	SS1730 –Introduction to Psychology (10ECTS)
	<p>This introductory module will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary term. The module serves to introduce students to psychology as a broad discipline, and to cover specific topics of interest within the field of social psychology. The module therefore is comprised of two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section One – Introduction to Psychology (Michaelmas Term) • Section Two – Introduction to Social Psychology (Hilary Term)
Section One Module Content	<p>Introduction to Psychology</p> <p>This section of the module will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of psychology as a discipline of study • Conceptualisation and measurement of personality • Learning and the effect of experience on behaviour • Psychological perspectives of human development • Diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders • Perceiving the external world through our sensory experiences • The study of memory, attention, and other cognitive processes • Understanding how psychological factors contribute to physical health and illness • How development, thought, and behaviour are shaped by culture • The psychology of happiness and wellbeing •
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of section one, students will be equipped to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the main fields of study in contemporary psychology, and their associated theories • Understand the psychological processes that underpin human behaviour • Apply psychological theory to real-world situations • Be critical consumers of psychological knowledge, in order to effectively evaluate research findings and theoretical proposals
Section Two Module Content	<p>Introduction to Social Psychology</p> <p>This section of the module will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitude formation, attitude change, and the influence of attitudes on behaviour • How we see ourselves: self-concept, self-esteem • How we see others: impressions and attributions

