

Module Title Discovering Psychology: History, Concepts and Debates Keywords History of Psychology, Concepts, Debates, Controversy	Reference SS2037 SCQF Level SCQF 8 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created October 2009 Approved August 2010 Amended May 2014 Version No. 2
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Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to SCQF 8 entry requirements or equivalent.

Mode of Delivery

Lecture based delivery with student led seminars/workshops

Corequisite Modules

None.

Assessment Plan

Precluded Modules

None.

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1
Component 2	2

Aims of Module

To introduce students to the history of psychology and conceptual issues in psychology, and using them to understand the development and nature of contemporary psychological science and

Component 2 will be assessed by an integrated poster and presentation.

Component 1 will be assessed by a written essay.

Indicative Bibliography

practice.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Reflect upon how historical and conceptual issues relate to contemporary Psychology.
2. Recognise how classic studies can illustrate historical issues and contemporary debates in Psychology.

Indicative Module Content

The history of Psychology. Is Psychology a science? The evolution of Psychological thinking. Debates such as free will, reductionism, nature-nurture, gender, culture, etc.. Controversies and debates. How ethical issues have shaped research.

Indicative Student Workload

Contact Hours	Full Time
Lectures	12
Seminars	12

Directed Study

70

Private Study

56

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