



## Psychology

**Module Name:** Contemporary Topics and Skills in Psychology

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**Demonstrators/TAs:** Postgraduate researchers at the School of Psychology

**Learning outcomes:**

- Understand foundational and emerging questions in contemporary psychology, spanning health, development, wellbeing, and personality/identity
- Gain knowledge of methodological issues in each area
- Design practical elements of a research project: experimental design, ethics application, questionnaire design using Qualtrics, and using online recruitment systems

**Course Contents and Schedules:**

- Day 1: Welcome and Introduction
- Day 2: Developmental psychology
- Day 3: Experimental design
- Day 4: Health psychology
- Day 5: Writing an ethics application
- Day 6: Personality and identity
- Day 7: Designing questionnaires using Qualtrics and managing online data
- Day 8: Wellbeing
- Day 9: Poster presentations
- Day 10: Next steps and student experience talk

**Maximum capacity of the module: 40**

**Course materials:**

1. Lecture notes
2. Activity instructions
3. Poster template
4. Remote access to QUB software

**Assessment:**

Assessment will involve the following three elements:

- Attendance: 10%
- Tasks: 60%
- Poster: 30%