



PSYX1104

Introduction to Psychology I

Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2021

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites PSYX1105 or PSYU1105
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit introduces students to the discipline of psychology through a focus on the physiological bases of behaviour; learning; motivation; the nature of personality and psychopathology; and cross-cultural and Indigenous psychology. The unit conveys information about substantive material, and assumptions of theory associated with the science and profession of psychology through lecture and tutorial/practical classes. The unit introduces students to research methods in psychology through a series of methodology lectures. A further important aim of the unit is to develop students' competency in critical thinking and essay writing in psychology.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).

ULO2: Apply communication, interpersonal and team skills in written assignments and by working with fellow students on group tasks and discussions on assignment tasks.

ULO3: Develop information technology skills through practical assignments and using the web-based elements of the course.

ULO4: Foster critical thinking skills through discussion of competing theories of psychological phenomena and understanding of scientific methodology.

ULO5: Display an appreciation of ethical issues from class discussions and participating in research

General Assessment Information

Essay

Due: **Week 8 (may change)** Weighting: **25%**

An essay examining a key concept in psychological research.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills (developed through written assignments, interactions in tutorial groups, and working with class members on assignment tasks).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed information technology skills (developed through practical assignments and experience with the web-based elements of the course).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed critical thinking skills (developed through discussion of competing theories and application of the scientific method to understand psychological phenomena).

Tutorial Participation

Due: **Weekly** Weighting: **10%**

There are 10 compulsory tutorials student must complete online. Students will be awarded up to 10% for this assessment (1% per tutorial) in recognition of the completion of the weekly readings, activities and forum posts.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills (developed through written assignments, interactions in tutorial groups, and working with class members on assignment tasks).
- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate team skills developed as a result of working with a small number of fellow students on a group tasks and

discussions.

- By the end of the unit, students will have developed information technology skills (developed through practical assignments and experience with the web-based elements of the course).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed an appreciation of Ethical Issues (developed in class discussion of ethical issues in research and exposure to actual participation in research).

Research Participation

Due: **End of Week 13** Weighting: **5%**

Four hours of research participation in studies being conducted by staff members, research assistants, postgraduate students and honours students in the Department.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- By the end of the unit, students will have developed information technology skills (developed through practical assignments and experience with the web-based elements of the course).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed an appreciation of Ethical Issues (developed in class discussion of ethical issues in research and exposure to actual participation in research).

Research Design Quizzes

Due: **Weekly** Weighting: **10%**

A series of 10 weekly quizzes examining research design content. Each quiz is worth 1% of the total grade.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed information technology skills (developed through practical assignments and experience with the web-based elements of the course).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed critical thinking skills (developed through discussion of competing theories and application of the scientific method to understand psychological phenomena).
- By the end of the unit, students will have developed an appreciation of Ethical Issues

(developed in class discussion of ethical issues in research and exposure to actual participation in research).

Final Exam

Due: **Session 1 exam period** Weighting: **40%**

A 2.5 Hour Multiple-Choice Exam of 100 Questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).

Online Lecture Quizzes

Due: **Week 7 and Week 13** Weighting: **10%**

Two quizzes (worth 5% each) on lecture and related readings. Each quiz consists of 25 multiple-choice questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- By the end of the unit, students will be able to demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Research Design Quizzes</u>	10%	No	Weekly (Weeks 2 - 11)
<u>Online Lecture Quizzes (1 & 2)</u>	10%	No	Week 7 & Week 13
<u>Essay</u>	25%	No	Week 8
<u>Research participation</u>	5%	No	Week 13
<u>Final Exam</u>	40%	No	Official University exam period
<u>Tutorial Participation</u>	10%	No	Weekly

Research Design Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Weekly (Weeks 2 - 11)**

Weighting: **10%**

Weekly multiple-choice quizzes, assessing Research Design content.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- Develop information technology skills through practical assignments and using the web-based elements of the course.
- Display an appreciation of ethical issues from class discussions and participating in research

Online Lecture Quizzes (1 & 2)

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 12 hours

Due: **Week 7 & Week 13**

Weighting: **10%**

Two online, multiple-choice quizzes on Psychology content, held in the middle and end of the session.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- Develop information technology skills through practical assignments and using the web-based elements of the course.

Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **25%**

1250 word essay examining a key concept in psychological research.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- Apply communication, interpersonal and team skills in written assignments and by working with fellow students on group tasks and discussions on assignment tasks.
- Develop information technology skills through practical assignments and using the web-based elements of the course.
- Foster critical thinking skills through discussion of competing theories of psychological phenomena and understanding of scientific methodology.

Research participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 4 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **5%**

Participation in research studies (online only).

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Display an appreciation of ethical issues from class discussions and participating in research

Final Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **Official University exam period**

Weighting: **40%**

Final examination held within the University's formal exam period, in accordance with relevant requirements.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).

- Display an appreciation of ethical issues from class discussions and participating in research

Tutorial Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 0 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Participation in tutorial activities necessary to be able to answer examination and quiz questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate research and study skills (developed through planning research assignments, achieving study goals, and meeting deadlines).
- Foster critical thinking skills through discussion of competing theories of psychological phenomena and understanding of scientific methodology.
- Display an appreciation of ethical issues from class discussions and participating in research

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Delivery

1 x (up to) 2-hour lecture each of 13 weeks

1 x 0.5 - 1 hour online recorded lecture on Research Design (available through iLearn) each week over 11 weeks

1 x 1 - 2 hour tutorial each week

Textbooks:

Refer to iLearn page for details

Online resources:

iLearn website: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.