

**DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:
PS 1001 LE PSYCHOLOGY AS A SOCIAL SCIENCE**

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(Updated Spring 2023)

**LEVEL 4
UK CREDITS: 15**

PREREQUISITES:

NONE

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Overview of the discipline of psychology as a social science. Topics include a historical trajectory of how scientific and clinical psychology emerged; research methods used in Psychology; human development; personality types; theories of intelligence; theories of social behavior; relationship between stress and health; psychological disorders and treatment.

RATIONALE:

This course offers students an introduction to theories and experimental evidence with regards to psycho-social roots of behavior. Seminal studies in the field along with methodological issues related to the study of human development, social behavior psychopathology are explored in this course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to:
1. Compare and contrast diverging theoretical perspectives in psychology as well as identify the different subfields of psychology.
 2. Identify the stages of psychological research, distinguish between various methods, and describe the ethical principles used when conducting research in psychology.
 3. Demonstrate awareness of major theories concepts and studies related to social psychology.
 4. Demonstrate knowledge of major theories concepts and studies related to the fields of human development, personality, intelligence, abnormal behavior, treatment and stress and health.

METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:

In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:

- Lectures and class discussions
- Relevant educational films
- Office hours
- Use of Blackboard site

ASSESSMENT:

Summative:

First assessment: Midterm examination: Multiple choice questions/Fill-in the blanks/True-False & short essays.	40%
Second assessment: Application exercises	5%
Final assessment: Final examination	55%

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INDICATIVE READING:	<p data-bbox="663 891 922 922">REQUIRED READING:</p> <p data-bbox="663 963 1543 1028">Feist, G. J., & Rosenberg, E. L. <i>Psychology: Perspectives and Connections</i>. McGraw Hill International Edition. Latest edition.</p> <p data-bbox="663 1068 995 1099">RECOMMENDED READING:</p> <p data-bbox="663 1140 1543 1205">Gross, R. (2017). <i>Psychology in Historical Context: Theories and Debates</i>. Taylor Francis</p> <p data-bbox="663 1245 1543 1310">Gross, R. (2019). <i>Being Human: Psychological and Philosophical Perspectives</i>. London: Hodder Arnold</p> <p data-bbox="663 1350 1543 1415">Schultz, D. P., & Schultz, S.E. (2015). <i>A History of Modern Psychology</i>. Cengage</p>				
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	N/A				
REQUIRED MATERIAL:	The Psychologist American Psychologist				
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Academic use of English, both oral and written.				
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Blackboard				
WWW RESOURCES:	American Psychological Association www.apa.org				

	<p>British Psychological Society www.bps.org.uk</p> <p>American Psychoanalytic Association www.apsa.org</p> <p>British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies www.babcp.com</p>
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction to Psychology2. Research Methods in Psychology3. Social Psychology4. Human Development5. Personality6. Intelligence7. Stress and Health8. Abnormal Behavior9. Treatment of Psychological Disorders