

H8EVPSY: Evolutionary and Cross-Cultural Psychology

Module Code:	H8EVPSY
Long Title	Evolutionary and Cross-Cultural Psychology APPROVED
Title	Evolutionary and Cross-Cultural Psychology
Module Level:	LEVEL 8
EQF Level:	6
EHEA Level:	First Cycle
Credits:	5
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Departments:	School of Business
Specifications of the qualifications and experience required of staff	
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:</i>	
#	Learning Outcome Description
LO1	Demonstrate a critical awareness of how evolutionary theory can be applied to understand a range of psychological and social processes
LO2	Appraise the field of comparative psychology and consider how the study of animals can shed light on human behaviour
LO3	Critically evaluate how research in cross-cultural psychology can enhance our understanding of psychological processes and their evolutionary roots
Dependencies	
Module Recommendations	
No recommendations listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Entry requirements	

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Module Content & Assessment			
Indicative Content			
Topic 1: Introduction to Evolutionary Psychology • Core concepts in evolution: adaptations, natural and sexual selection • Pre-cursors to evolutionary psychology: ethology, sociobiology • Proximate (how?) vs. ultimate (why?) explanations of behaviour • Environmental influences on adaptations • Domain specificity in adaptations • Cognitive modules designed by selection			
Topic 2: Evolutionary social psychology • Mating relationships and behaviour – sexual strategies, cross-cultural universals and differences • Prosocial behaviour – kinship, parental investment, inclusive fitness, reciprocal alliance formation • Evolution of moral behaviour • Group behaviour – evolutionary and cultural insights			
Topic 3: Evolutionary cognitive psychology • The evolution of language – e.g. Pinker's theory; examination of communication patterns in non-human species • Reasoning, problem solving and decision making – e.g. cheat-detection mechanisms; cognitive biases			
Topic 4: Evolution of personality and individual differences • Evolution of intelligence • Role of recurrent adaptive problems in stable individual differences • Gender differences in behaviour – cultural or evolutionary?			
Topic 5: Evolution of maladaptive behaviour • Explaining psychological disorders using evolutionary framework • Phobias and anxiety • Evolutionary basis of aggression and violence			
Topic 6: Criticisms of evolutionary approach • Non-genetic and non-adaptive explanations for behaviour • Significant cross-cultural variations • Cultural evolution			
Assessment Breakdown			%
Coursework			50.00%
End of Module Assessment			50.00%
Assessments			
Full Time			
Coursework			
Assessment Type:	430	% of total:	50
Assessment Date:	n/a	Outcome addressed:	1,2,3
Non-Marked:	No		
Assessment Description: Group debate: Students will be assigned to a group that either emphasises the evolutionary roots or cultural influences on behaviour. They will be required to present their argument in class. This will also involve a peer-rated element.			
End of Module Assessment			
Assessment Type:	Terminal Exam	% of total:	50
Assessment Date:	End-of-Semester	Outcome addressed:	1,2,3
Non-Marked:	No		
Assessment Description: Students will answer 2 out of 5 questions which may be based on any aspect of course content			
No Workplace Assessment			
Reassessment Requirement			
Repeat failed items <i>The student must repeat any item failed</i>			

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Module Workload				
Module Target Workload Hours 0 Hours				
Workload: Full Time				
Workload Type	Workload Description	Hours	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	No Description	24	Every Week	24.00
Independent Learning	No Description	101	Every Week	101.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours				24.00

Module Resources	
<i>Recommended Book Resources</i>	
<p>edited by Charles Crawford and Dennis Krebs. (2008), Foundations of evolutionary psychology, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates/Taylor & Francis Group, New York, [ISBN: 0-8058-5957-8].</p> <p>Lance Workman and Will Reader. (2014), Evolutionary Psychology, 3rd. Cambridge University Press, [ISBN: 978110762].</p>	
<i>Supplementary Book Resources</i>	
<p>Christopher Badcock. (2000), Evolutionary psychology, Polity Press, Cambridge, [ISBN: 0745622062].</p> <p>edited by Jerome H. Barkow, Leda Cosmides, John Tooby. (1995), The Adapted mind, Oxford University Press, New York, [ISBN: 0195101073].</p> <p>Buss, D. M.. (2005), The Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology, Wiley..</p> <p>David M. Buss. (2003), The evolution of desire, BasicBooks, New York, [ISBN: 046500802X].</p> <p>Richard Dawkins. (1976), The selfish gene, Oxford University Press, New York, [ISBN: 0-19-857519-X].</p> <p>edited by R. I. M. Dunbar and Louise Barrett. Oxford handbook of evolutionary psychology, Oxford ; Oxford University Press, c2007., [ISBN: 9780198568308].</p> <p>Geoffrey Miller. (2001), The mating mind, Anchor Books, New York, [ISBN: 0-385-49517-X].</p> <p>Steven Pinker. (1997), How the mind works, Norton, New York, [ISBN: 9780393318487].</p> <p>Robert Wright. (1995), The moral animal, Vintage Books, New York, [ISBN: 0679763996].</p>	
<i>This module does not have any article/paper resources</i>	
<i>This module does not have any other resources</i>	
Discussion Note:	