

Current Debates

Lecture 10:
Wrap-up of Semester One
Assessment 1 Information

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Module Content

W/C	T/W	Semester One - Lecture Title and Speaker - (Wednesday: 11am-1pm)
Oct 1 st	1	Dr Kate Williams/Dr Paul Hutchings - Overview of the module (one hour)
Oct 8 th	2	Dr Paul Hutchings: <i>Right Wing Authoritarianism and the Paris Terror Attacks</i>
Oct 15 th	3	Dr Ceri Phelps: <i>Men's Health: Men, Masculinity, and Help Seeking</i>
Oct 22 nd	4	Dr Lymarie Rodriguez-Morales: <i>No words for feelings: Alexithymia and mental health</i>
Oct 29 th	Reading Week	
Nov 5 th	5	Miss Stacey Coleman: <i>'The classification of gambling disorder'</i>
Nov 12 th	6	Dr Kate Williams: <i>"Minority Report" - Science fiction fantasy film or insight into future law enforcement procedures?</i>
Nov 19 th	7	Dr Ceri Phelps: <i>Do we own our genes?</i>
Nov 26 th	8	Dr Lymarie Rodriguez-Morales: <i>'Happiology' or the dark side of happiness: A critical review of the psychology of wellbeing</i>
Dec 3 rd	9	Dr Kate Williams: <i>Is horse riding really more dangerous than taking ecstasy? Evaluating the evidence that hallucinogenic drugs should be used for therapeutic purposes.</i>
Dec 10 th	10	Dr Kate Williams: Assessment 1 Guidance/Information.

READINGS

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- ▶ **Specific readings relating to each topic area discussed in the sessions during semester one are available on Moodle.**
- ▶ **These will be a useful starting point for you to prepare for the first assessment.**

Module Assessments

Assessment One:

- **1 x 24-hour timed essay (50% of overall module mark) – answer ONE question from eight (Jan).**

Assessment Two:

- **1 x 15 minute individual presentation (50% of overall module mark) – Choose ONE presentation topic from a choice of six (May 2019).**

Assessment One:

▶ 24-hour timed essay:

- ▶ You will be presented with 8 essay questions.
- ▶ Each will relate to the 8 different topics discussed in the sessions during semester one.
- ▶ You must choose ONE question to answer.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ The assessment is designed to assess your knowledge of the topic area.
- ▶ Also, to assess your ability to work within a tight deadline to produce high quality work.
- ▶ Read the assessment proforma (available on Moodle) for further guidance and information on the marking criteria.

Assessment One:

► 24-hour timed essay:

- Questions will be released on the Current Debates module Moodle page.
- Questions will be released at 12:00pm (Midday) on Thursday 17th January 2019.
- You will then have 24 hours to write and submit your chosen essay.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ However, there is nothing to stop you from researching the topic area, gathering information etc. that will help you to write the specific question when it is released.
- ▶ In fact you are encouraged to start preparing a broad outline of elements to include in the essay

Assessment One:

▶ 24-hour timed essay:

- ▶ Essay must be submitted by no later than 12:00pm (midday) on Friday 18th January 2019.
- ▶ N:B – Differentiated deadlines.
- ▶ Draft and Final portals to submit your essay via TurnItIn are on the module Moodle page.

Assessment One:

▶ 24-hour timed essay:

- ▶ Submit a draft of your essay (at least 1-2 hours) before the deadline to check for plagiarism.
- ▶ You can only submit the draft once.
- ▶ Check the document itself for plagiarism and NOT just the overall similarity percentage.

Assessment One:

▶ 24-hour timed essay:

- ▶ The draft will NOT be marked.
- ▶ Please ensure you then upload the correct file to the final portal.
- ▶ You will only have one opportunity to submit your final assignment.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ The structure/format should follow that of any other type of essay:
 - ▶ Introduction
 - ▶ Main body of work:
 - ▶ Including info on relevant theories and empirical research studies: All must be cited correctly
 - ▶ Conclusion

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ You must provide a reference list at the end of your essay in APA format.
- ▶ Your answer should draw upon psychological theory and research evidence.
- ▶ You should also use real-world examples to identify how and why these are issues in contemporary society.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ Therefore, a key element is to get the balance right between psychological evidence and identification of real-world issues.
- ▶ Critically the integration of these in a coherent essay structure is paramount.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ **2,000 words ($\pm 10\%$).**
- ▶ **No constraints on where you research and write your essay:**
 - ▶ **You may decide to come in to the library, to use online resources outside of the university, or a combination of both.**

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ Your assignment must follow the academic conventions for Psychology.
- ▶ Guidance provided in your handbook and the Academic Skills module should be adhered to.
- ▶ Primary & secondary sources must be cited appropriately both within the text and in the reference list.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ All references must be in APA referencing style.
- ▶ Keep in mind unfair practice regulations
 - ▶ Particularly regarding plagiarism and collusion;
 - ▶ Whilst there are no limits placed upon your contact with other students, you must ensure that the work submitted is your own.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ **All of the questions will follow the same format:**
 - ▶ **Critically discuss, citing empirical psychological research and giving real-world examples,.....**
 - ▶ **(See past paper examples on Moodle)**

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ You should prepare for this assessment by researching the topic areas, gathering psychological research evidence and real-world information on the issues related to them.
- ▶ These could be from other research areas, newspapers, reliable website sources such as government or independent organisations that provide statistics etc.

Assessment One:

- ▶ **24-hour timed essay:**
- ▶ It is suggested that you research at least two of these areas to some depth prior to the release of the questions so that you are able to make an informed decision about your topic choice.
- ▶ Also, so that you do not get caught out by the wording of a question not fitting exactly with your preparatory research.

Current Debates: Semester Two

- ▶ **The module will then continue in semester two.**
- ▶ **Each week you will receive a talk.**
 - ▶ **Either by a member of the academic team or an external guest speaker.**
 - ▶ **Details of the topic areas covered will be placed on Moodle prior to each session.**
 - ▶ **Please ensure you attend all sessions as they will be useful not just for your second assessment but also in general for thinking ahead about possible future career options.**

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- ▶ **Enjoy the Christmas break**
- ▶ **Get some rest but also get work done**
- ▶ **Remember about the release of the questions for the timed essay**
- ▶ **See you in the new year**
 - ▶ **We'll start with an introductory overview lecture on Wednesday 30th January 2019.**