

Module Code	ECPS4022
Title	Skills for Success in Psychology
Date	15/10/2025
Level	4
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To develop students' skills for independent study and professional development which will form the foundations for successful completion of their Psychology degree programme.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate the essential skills required to be a resilient and successful independent learner;
- demonstrate an understanding of relevant literacy and practical skills related to a range of assessments;
- use suitable technology to support and enhance learning experience within Psychology.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Reading, writing, referencing and plagiarism, searching for and evaluating sources of information, working online.
- Critical thinking and introduction to principles of research: issues concerning knowledge, belief, and doubt.
- Critical writing: synthesis, paraphrasing and creating an informed argument, avoiding plagiarism.
- Skills for a range of assessment modes, including blogs, vlogs, video, presentations, performances, posters, exams, and written coursework.
- Skills and attitudes which underpin successful team-working, independence, resilience, health, wellbeing and learning agility.
- Digital literacy: using appropriate technology; staying safe online, cyber security, digital identity.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	40	20%
Independent learning	160	80%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio	Maximum six elements (equivalent to 3000 words)	100%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0%
Coursework	100%
Practical	0%
TOTAL	100%

This module is not linked to a Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB).

INDICATIVE READING LIST

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Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Cottrell, S (2019) <i>The Study Skills Handbook</i> . 5th edn. London: Macmillan International Higher Education.	☒
Essential	Pears, R. and Shields, G.J. (2019) <i>Cite Them Right: the essential referencing guide</i> . 11th edn. London: Macmillan International Higher Education.	☒
Essential	Library Info Skills Sessions	☒
Further	Hopkins, D. and Reid, T., (2018). <i>The Academic Skills Handbook: Your Guide to Success in Writing, Thinking and Communicating at University</i> . London: Sage	☐
Further	Osmond, A., (2016). <i>Academic Writing and Grammar for Students</i> 2 nd edn. London: SAGE.	☐

