

Module Descriptor: MWPS4005 Study Skills for Psychology

Module Code	MWPS4005
Title	Study Skills for Psychology
Date	02/09/2025
Level	4
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	N/A
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To develop students' skills for independent study and life-long learning and to develop psychological literacy to aid successful completion of the programme and support future employment opportunities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- demonstrate the foundational skills required to be a resilient and healthy independent learner;
- demonstrate an understanding of core psychological and other relevant literacy skills related to a range of assessments, including appropriate use of references, referencing systems, paraphrasing and avoiding plagiarism;
- use suitable technology to support and enhance their learning experience within the discipline area;
- demonstrate understanding of their own learning and skill development, including effective personal planning, self-reflection, and project management skill.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Time management, reading, writing, referencing and unfair practice, searching for and evaluating sources of information, working online.
- Critical thinking, reflection and self-reflection.
- Critical writing: synthesis, paraphrasing and creating an informed argument, avoiding unfair practice.
- Skills for a range of assessment modes, including academic posters, research reports, practical skills assessments, blogs, video, presentations, exams and written coursework.
- Resilience, health, wellbeing and learning agility.

- Digital literacy: using appropriate technology; staying safe online, cyber security, digital identity.
- Team working and professional communication skills.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	15%
Independent learning	170	85%
Placement learning	-	-
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

(Tick one)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
E-portfolio	3 elements (equivalent of 2,000 words)	50%

Assessment Component 2

(Tick one)

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Video	Individual 3-minute video	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	-
Coursework	50%
Practical	50%
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

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Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*

Essential	APA (2020) <i>Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association</i> . 7 th edn. Washington, DC: APA.	☒
Essential	Latto, & Latto, R. (2009). <i>Study skills for psychology students</i> . Open University Press.	☒
Essential	Cottrell, S (2019) <i>The Study Skills Handbook</i> . 5th edn. London: Macmillan International Higher Education.	☒
Essential	Library Info Skills Sessions	☒
Essential	Pears, R. and Shields, G.J. (2019) <i>Cite Them Right: the essential referencing guide</i> . 11th edn. London: Macmillan International Higher Education.	☒
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.	☐