



LEVEL 3 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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What is this course about?

Social Psychology is a study of the human condition. Social Psychology aids and encourages self-reflection, which in turn helps develop personal consciousness and active citizenship. Students who understand experiences outside their own individual social and cultural context develop a conscience more suited to the multicultural world in which we live. They also develop an understanding of organisational behaviour and how societies are constructed.

The aim of this course is to cater for student demand for learning in this area, and to provide a follow up from the critical analysis completed previously in the Level Two Social Psychology course, though that is not a prerequisite for this course. Psychology has also gained University Entrance status and is now a University Approved Subject.

What sorts of things will I do?

Psychological Ethics in Research: Students will look at previous psychological experiments and how they have shaped our understanding of human behaviour. They will also explain how this knowledge is used in society today.

Approaches and Fields: Students will look at how different psychological approaches and theories can be used in the context of criminal psychology*

Psychological Research: Students will be introduced to the features of psychological research and then carry out, run, and report on their own psychological research activity.

Psychological Issues in Context: Students will apply the psychological concepts they have learned to explore a significant issue in current psychological practice and ways to address this.

***Please note as a Level Three course, some of the material we cover is of a mature nature. We advise you to discuss the content of the course with a Level 3 Psychology teacher prior to selection.**

What standards can I enter?

NCEA Level	Standard Number	Name of standard	Version number	Credits	Assessment	Suggested assessment date
3	91873	Analyse the significance of a piece of research and its impact on society	1	3 R	Internal	Term 1
3	91872	Analyse the interaction between psychological approaches	1	6 R	Internal	Term 2
3	91875	Analyse how theories are applied within a field of psychological practice	1	4 R	Internal	Term 2
3	91874	Conduct independent psychological research with consultation	1	6 R	Internal	Term 3
3	91876	Analyse a significant issue in psychological practice	1	3 R/W	External	Term 3/4

Key for assessment column: N - L1 & UE numeracy, L - L1 literacy, R - UE reading literacy, W - UE writing literacy

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to have taken Social Psychology before?

While the course will be building on theory from the Level 2 course, you will not be at a disadvantage picking up this course for Level 3. All students will be exposed to new learning in psychology.

Where does Social Psychology go from here?

Psychology is one of the most popular subjects within tertiary study. Every university and polytechnic in New Zealand has courses in psychology.

In terms of future direction, Social Psychology is in everything we do that involves interactions with other people. Because of that it is an ideal subject for those entering into humanities, business, science, law, arts, social sciences, education, health science, medicine, and more.

An understanding of psychology is a window into humanity. Within a tertiary level, this splits into two areas of speciality, Social Psychology (to do with human interaction) and Clinical Psychology (understanding why people do what they do).

Is Social Psychology a University Entrance approved subject at Level 3?

Yes, Social Psychology was made a University Entrance subject in April 2019.

Are there costs associated with this course?

Class trips may incur charges for transport and entry fees.

Subject requirements for assessment authenticity

Students will sign off to confirm that all work is their own. Assessment work will be shared via google drive to show the students' progress. Authenticity is determined by a combination of the teacher's observations and the google document revision history.