Living psychology: from the everyday to the extraordinary

**Presentation pattern**  
October to June

**Module description**

This module draws on classic and contemporary theory and research in psychology and applies them to a broad range of contexts. Students will learn how psychologists have studied both practical and theoretical issues, such as nationalism or sexuality, with a particular emphasis on understanding and solving problems that directly affect people’s lives. They will explore core academic areas of psychology as set out by the British Psychological Society (e.g. social, cognitive, developmental) and applied aspects of professional practice (e.g. clinical, forensic, counselling). They will also develop their understanding of psychological research methods, along with other useful academic and employability skills.

**Person specification**

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a good honours degree in psychology or equivalent, or a combined honours degree with a substantial amount of psychology (e.g. BSc Psychology and Criminology);
- a higher qualification in, or relevant to, an applied area of psychology and/or demonstrable track record in research or other activity of relevance to the teaching of applied psychology at Level 2
- experience of teaching psychology
- an ability to teach both quantitative and qualitative research methods, including basic aspects of good study design, ethics and analysis in research
- an ability to engage with, and teach in a lively manner, broad and diverse psychology topics, issues and perspectives, particularly in applied, real-world contexts
- experience of, or a demonstrable keen interest in, teaching using a virtual learning environment (VLE) and online tutorials and forums.

It would be an advantage to have:

- Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (previously known as Graduate Basis for Registration, GBR)
- experience of teaching psychology at degree level
- experience of teaching at a distance
- experience of practice, or teaching, in one or more applied areas of psychology.

**Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website**

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 60

- Number of assignments submitted by the student: 5
- Method of submission for assignments: 2
- Level of ICT requirements: 2
- Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20
- Salary band: 7
- Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 6