



Subject:	Behavioural Science (BS) – Elective
Subject Outline	This subject is designed to introduce students to a range of concepts, principles and theories which explain individual differences as well as interactions between individuals and society. People working within the field of behavioural science set out to explore these aspects, and through scientific research, provide some explanation. Behavioural Science incorporates various disciplines exploring the why and how questions of life from multiple perspectives. During the subject, students are introduced to the areas of sociology, communication, and psychology.
Objectives	On successful completion of this subject, students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand and discuss behavioural science concepts, principles, and theories (GA 2, 6);2. Demonstrate this understanding by producing a written research report (GA 1, 3, 7);3. Analyse, evaluate and present information on behavioural science topics (GA 2, 5);4. Deliver an oral presentation on a behavioural science topic (GA 1);5. Evaluate and examine, using behavioural science theory, the relationship between both social and individual circumstances and situations (GA 5);6. Contribute to collaborative group discussion (GA 1, 6).
Graduate Attributes (GA)	On completion of the Foundation Program, students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Communicate effectively in English in a variety of contexts, circumstances and modes2. Demonstrate relevant, practical and theoretical knowledge in a subject area3. Apply relevant academic literacy skills in a subject area4. Apply relevant numeric literacy skills in a subject area5. Apply critical, analytical thinking, and problem solving skills for academic contexts6. Work independently and collaboratively in a cross-cultural context7. Demonstrate academic integrity
Contact Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Standard Students – Four (4) hours per week including one (1) hour tutorial➤ Express Students – Five (5) hours per week
Attendance	Students are expected to attend all classes and tutorials. Attendance is highly valued and contributes directly to the academic success of the student. Attendance is monitored as described in the Attendance Policy.
Tutorials	Standard students receive assistance from tutors, which involves clarifying concepts discussed in teacher classes, helping students to comprehend and solve questions/problems and providing direction for students about current assessment activities. Express students while not having tutorials, do have less structured student led sessions as part of their program, which encourage students to actively participate in class.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavioural Science Moodle Site• Student Manual• Databases
Content and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sociological concepts including conflict theory, functionalism, symbolic interaction, and feminism are discussed, along with how these theories can help in analysing social issues.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication is covered during the course, with students learning effective oral communication skills. Interpersonal and intercultural communication is covered; with opportunities to practice and develop communication skills being provided. • The psychology focus of the course consists of topics including research methods, ethics, cognition, memory, conditioning, social influence, and psychological wellbeing.
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Standard Program

Students are assessed through the following assessment activities:

Assessment Activity	Description	Semester	Weighting
Moodle Quizzes	Students complete a number of Moodle activities and quizzes which will help in the consolidation of concepts learned, as well as provide guidance in the completion of assessment tasks.	Semester 1	5%
Seminar	Students negotiate a topic regarding a social issue with their teacher. They research the topic then structure and deliver an oral seminar to the class. Students showcase their developing public speaking skills and demonstrate application of sociological analysis to a current issue. Students contribute to others' presentations through listening, questioning and discussion.		20%
Mid Course Exam	Evaluates the knowledge acquired by students and their ability to apply this knowledge. The exam includes multiple choice questions and a range of short answer questions.		25%
Concept Presentation	Students negotiate a behavioural science topic and give a brief oral presentation. The class take summary notes of each presentation, ensuring coverage of a range of different topics.	Semester 2	5%
Research Report	Students participate as research subjects in a simple psychology experiment. Data is collected from this experiment and used as the basis for students to write up a research report in appropriate academic style using APA format. The research report includes an introduction, hypothesis, method, results, and discussion sections.		20%
Final Exam	Evaluates the knowledge acquired by students and their ability to apply this knowledge to given scenarios. The exam includes multiple choice questions and a range of short answer questions on psychological theory.		25%



Express Program

Students are assessed through the following assessment activities:

Assessment Activity	Description	Trimester	Weighting
Essay	Students complete an essay which gives them the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding on sociological theories, by applying these theories to a real world social issue.	Trimester 1	20%
Seminar	Students negotiate a topic regarding a social issue with their teacher. They research the topic then structure and deliver an oral seminar to the class. Students showcase their developing public speaking skills and demonstrate application of sociological analysis to a current issue. Students contribute to others' presentations through listening, questioning and discussion.	Trimester 2	20%
Research Report	Students participate as research subjects in a simple psychology experiment. Data is collected from this experiment and used as the basis for students to write up a research report in appropriate academic style using APA format. The research report includes an introduction, hypothesis, method, results, and discussion sections.	Trimester 3	30%
Final Exam	Evaluates the knowledge acquired by students and their ability to apply this knowledge to given scenarios. The exam includes multiple choice questions and a range of short answer questions on psychological theory.		30%