

ISN212 Cultures and Psychology

Unit Description

The **Culture and Psychology** unit will increase understanding of the different methodological approaches (including emic and etic) to cross cultural comparison research; the challenges of using cross cultural data to legitimately compare behaviour across cultures; and the impact of culture on all aspects of human behaviour. The following issues associated with cultural research will be discussed: nature versus nurture, universal versus individual; issues of cultural bias; and the impact of stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination in psychological literature and practice.

Required Textbooks and Readings

Matsumoto, D., & Juang, L. (2016). Culture and psychology. (6th Ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth

*Textbooks may be subject to change prior to the start of semester

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychology	One semester	Core	Second year, Semester 2	TBA	TBA

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Understand the different methodological approaches (including emic and etic) to cross cultural comparison research	Exam [60 item multiple choice items and 5 short answer test items]	Year 2, semester 2, week 14	40%
Analyse and compare the applicability of psychological theories to various cultural groups	Exam – see above		
Understand the challenges of using cross cultural data to legitimately compare behavior across cultures	Written assignments [total = 1500 words]	Year 2, semester 2, weeks 5, 7, 9, 11	40%
Understanding the impact of culture on all aspects of human behaviour	Written assignments – see above		
Discuss the following issues associated with cultural research: nature versus nurture, universal versus individual; issues of cultural bias; impact of stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination in psychological literature and practice	Tutorial activities (debates, N = 1 case study presentations)	Year 2, throughout semester 2	20%



Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;

Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Pass grade or higher in all Year 1 units and year 2, semester 1 units

Other Resource and Requirements

None

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	400

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour face-face tutorial and 1x1 hour online activities)	6	10

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences.*