

ISN503 Psychopathology and Pharmacology

Unit Description

Psychopathology and Pharmacology familiarises students with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders (DSM-V & ICD-11) in adults and young people. Students will also become familiar with the major classes of medications used in the treatment of psychiatric disorders and the biological bases of these disorders. Students will learn the principles and practices involved in psycho-pharmacological treatments, their indications, contraindications and adverse effects.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	One semester	Core	Fifth year, Semester 1

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
10	200

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
3 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour practical)	6	9

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit: Upon successful completion of this unit, the student should be able to:	
I.	To be familiar with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders (DSM-V & ICD-11) in adults and young people
II.	To gain knowledge of the basic principles and practices involved in psycho-pharmacological treatments, their indications, contraindications and adverse effects

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)	Unit Learning Outcomes
Exam	50%	I, II
Lectorial activities [Class exercises: Diagnostic vignettes/Role plays/Case presentations/online quizzes]	50%	I, II

Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;
Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Successful completion of a four-year, APAC accredited, sequence of study in psychology and passing selection interviews and psychometric testing.

Other Resource and Requirements

None.

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