

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

## Psychology 320 (SLK 320)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Humanities](#)

**Module credits** 30.00

**Programmes** [BA](#)

[BA Law](#)

[BSW](#)

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** SLK 210 GS, SLK 220 GS, (RES 320 recommended)

**Contact time** 2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

**Department** Psychology

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This module deals with a community psychological perspective on human behaviour and psychological interventions and also critically explores the contribution of various perspectives in psychology. The module focuses on themes such as definitions of key concepts, principles and aims of community psychology, and the role of the community psychologist as well as the impact of earlier thought frameworks on contemporary perspectives. The implications of these ideas for practical initiatives focussed on mental health in communities, are discussed. The module further focuses on critical psychology. Critical psychology is an orientation towards psychology that is critical towards the assumptions and practices of psychology as it is practiced in the mainstream. It attempts to address power issues as they manifest in the practice of mainstream psychology. The focus is on examining how the practice and theories of mainstream psychology contribute to these power issues impacting on marginalised groups.

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