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Psychology 320 (SLK 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	30.00
Programmes	BSc Information Technology Information and Knowledge Systems BA Audiology BA Extended Programme BA Humanities BA Languages Languages BA Law BA Music Music BA Option: Sports Psychology BSocial Work Social Work BSc Human Physiology, Genetics and Psychology
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	SLK 310(GS)
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	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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