Psychology 320 (SLK 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
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	Module is presented in 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.