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Theories and paradigms 751 (SLK 751)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BSocSciHons Psychology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

*Closed – BSocSciHons (Psychology) only.

In this module five dominant paradigms in psychology – (neo) behaviouristic, (neuro) cognitivist, psycho-analytic, humanist and ecosystemic – and typical theories emanating from these paradigms, are discussed. The philosophical underpinnings of these paradigms and theories are explored, specifically with reference to modernism and postmodernism. Emphasis is then placed on the praxis of quantitative and qualitative theory-building against the background of the five dominant paradigms.

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