

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Psychology 120 (SLK 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BEd in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching
	Bachelor of Information Science [BIS]
	Bachelor of Nursing Science [BNurs]
	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy [BOT]
	BA in Audiology
	BA in Fine Arts 4-year programme
	BA in Fine Arts 5-year programme
	BA in Speech-Language Pathology
	BA specialising in Languages
	BA specialising in Law
	Bachelor of Arts [BA] 3-year programme
	Bachelor of Arts [BA] 4-year programme
	Bachelor of Social Work [BSW]
	BSc in Human Physiology, Genetics and Psychology
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
	Faculty of Education
	Faculty of Health Sciences
	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module introduces the student to a basic knowledge and understanding of the biological basis of human behaviour. The module addresses the key concepts and terminology related to the biological subsystem, the rules and principles guiding biological psychology, and identification of the interrelatedness of different biological systems and subsystems. In this module various cognitive processes are studied, including perception, memory, thinking, intelligence and creativity. Illustrations are given of various thinking processes, such as problem solving, critical, analytic and integrative thinking.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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