

## Department of Psychology: 2022-23

### Coursework outline

<b>Module code and name:</b>	PS5206 Adjustment and Well-being
<b>Assessment component:</b>	Intervention Proposal
<b>Assessment weighting:</b>	100%
<b>Assessment length:</b>	3000 words
<b>Deadline:</b>	Monday 27th March 2023, 10.00am
<b>Module coordinator:</b>	Dr Nuno Nodin

<b>What is the assignment question/title?</b>	Write an intervention proposal in a topic in the area of adjustment and/or wellbeing.
<b>What do you have to do in this assignment?</b>	Write an intervention proposal in a topic in the area of adjustment and/or wellbeing, i.e. a project that purports to boost one or several aspects of a specific population's adjustment and/or wellbeing. This proposal must include a brief literature review and a measure of impact for the intervention. Details on how to write an intervention proposal will be outlined in the first lecture of the module and you are advised to refer to the slides of this lecture for guidance. Further coursework guidance will be made available on Moodle.
<b>Which resources are relevant for this assignment?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PS5206 Coursework detailed guidance document on Moodle (further links to resources are provided in the document)</li><li>• Lecture slides from the first lecture</li><li>• Reading list for the module</li><li>• Any additional and specific readings that would serve as a basis for your proposal (e.g. relevant literature, assessment of the intervention, ethical challenges, etc)</li></ul>
<b>What are the key learning outcomes for this assignment?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing a deeper understanding about the needs of specific groups in the area of psychological wellbeing and adjustment</li><li>• Thinking strategically about existing needs and to propose a relevant solution</li><li>• Applying theory to practical real-world issues</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing concisely and clearly as typically required when bidding for funding</li> <li>• Developing analytical skills in creating a coherent and well-structured proposal, e.g. linking aims with methods and assessment</li> <li>• Thinking critically and strategically about possible ethical and practical challenges that might compromise the development of an intervention</li> <li>• Developing skills that can be applied in real world professional and academic scenarios (e.g. convincing others that your idea is worth-while and feasible)</li> <li>• Communicating complex ideas in a simple way</li> </ul>
<b>How will the marking criteria be used in this assignment?</b>	The generic MSc essay marking criteria will be used (see <a href="#">Students Handbook</a> ), in addition to analysing to what extent students' submissions follow the specification provided in the detailed guidance document.
<b>Is there anything else you need to know about this assignment?</b>	The Introduction lecture and detailed guidance document includes many tips and further information. Make sure to attend the lecture, to revisit the lecture slides and the document before starting to work on the assignment and throughout your work.

**Note:** All assessments submitted in the Department of Psychology must use APA style referencing (7<sup>th</sup> edition). See the Psychology Student Handbook on the [Psychology Student Moodle page](#).

**Sources of support for academic work:**

- There will be a Moodle forum where you can ask questions about any piece of coursework you complete. Please go to the [PS5206 module Moodle page](#) to see the coursework forum.
- The psychology marking criteria can be found in the Psychology Student Handbook on the [Psychology Student Moodle page](#) and in the module's Moodle page.
- The Psychology WAKE Guide to Writing contains lots of advice, linked to the marking criteria, and can be found on the [Psychology Student Moodle page](#).
- Drop In sessions for all staff in the Department of Psychology:
  - o <http://www.pc.rhul.ac.uk/Intranet/Students/Drop-inSessions/StudentMeetings.php>
- CeDAS (Centre for the Development of Academic Skills):
  - o <https://moodle.royalholloway.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9162>

**For further information on the departmental policies below please refer to the information for current students on the [Psychology Student Information Moodle Page](#):**

- Marking criteria (in Psychology Student Handbook)
- Coursework requirements, including word count and penalties for over length work
- Deadlines and penalties for late submission
- Extensions and extenuating circumstances
- Assessment offences