

Psychology, Social Science and Wellbeing Access Module (Y034)

Summary

Explore some of the Open University's most popular subjects such as psychology, health and social wellbeing, sport, education and social sciences. You'll be introduced to discussions of theory and engage with real life events to build up your knowledge and understanding of these wide-ranging topics. This module is perfect if you want to get to grips with something new.

Course Provider	The Open University (OU) Students in Secure Environments, Berrill Building, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA 0300 303 6789 www.open.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	None
Academic level	Level 3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English. Applicants must be within eight years of release
Format of course material	Paper-based

Structure of course	<p>The module is divided into three blocks:</p> <p>Block 1: Who am I? This block considers identity including an introduction to genetics and demographics. These assigned or biological factors are combined with social elements such as gender, class and our psychological outlook on life. As well as engaging with some key concepts, the idea of individuals as learners and agents who shape their lives is also considered.</p> <p>Block 2: Is it fair? Block 2 addresses the topic of fairness in several different ways. The social context in which an individual exists begins an exploration of difference and inequality. From the way in which where we are born and raised affects our life chances, to the differences between bodies and minds, the physical, practical and psychological differences mean that our 'playing field' may not always be equal.</p> <p>Block 3: What can be done? The tensions between nature and nurture, and the dynamic society in which we live means that there are choices we can all make in our homes, neighbourhoods, countries, and the planet as a whole.</p>
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	Looking holistically at these issues and the previous material, academic skills of critical evaluation and comparison are developed and the opportunity to plan and write an essay consolidates essential skills.
Assignments	4 written assignments and a few smaller pieces of work including multiple-choice assignments
Exam	None
Study hours	270
Course expiry date	7 months
Prison support requirements	Register and reserve learner on the course before start date (February and October each year) by contacting the OU and Student Finance England/ Wales. Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost. Contact supplier for more info on assignment submission.
Supplier tutor's support	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
Certificate	Upon request a diploma supplement to prove successful completion can be provided.
Progress	There are a range of possible follow-up courses including an OU degree (funded via a student loan) so please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).