

COURSE INFORMATION FORM	
Faculty / Institute	Faculty of Science and Literature
Department	Psychology
Course Code	PSI 327
Course title	Evolutionary Psychology
Instructional Language	English
Programs that can take the course	Psychology
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Undergraduate
ECTS Credit	6
Prerequisites	-
Course Content	<p>The course brings an evolutionary perspective to some important topics in philosophy of mind and cognitive science and offers a multidisciplinary introduction to the emerging but rapidly developing field of evolutionary psychology. Throughout this course, students will (1) explore the adaptive problems faced by early human populations (challenges related to disease, hunger, predators, romantic relationships and mate choice, childcare, kinship, conflict and war), (2) investigate the potential psychological and cognitive mechanisms that evolved to cope with those challenges, and (3) discuss in what ways these mechanisms may still affect human behavior in our modern-day lives.</p>
The Aim of the Course	<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to: (1) Accurately discuss the core principles of evolution and the conceptual foundations of evolutionary psychology. (2) Describe the most frequent misconceptions about an evolutionary approach to psychology and explain how these misconceptions reflect an inaccurate understanding of evolutionary psychology. (3) Understand the basic concepts and controversies in the field of evolutionary psychology. (4) Summarize key research findings across content areas in psychology, from learning to mating to grandparenting, that point toward the heuristic value of looking at content areas within psychology through an evolutionary lens. (5) Interpret and discuss the adaptive psychological mechanisms in various contexts. (6) Explain, in cognitive psychological terms, what we mean when we say “human nature.”</p>

Course Outcomes	Students will be able to describe evolution and its historical background and get the relationship between psychology and evolution. They can also make explanations about individual and cultural differences related to the evolution; evaluate some basic concepts such as cognition, emotion, parenting, group behavior in the context of evolutionary psychology; think critically about evolution and psychology.
Textbook and / or References	Buss, D. M. (2019). <i>Evolutionary psychology: The new science of the mind</i> (6th ed.). Routledge. Workman, L., & Reader, W. (2014). <i>Evolutionary Psychology</i> (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Pres.

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
Attendance	10%
Lab	-
Application	-
Field Study	-
Homework	40%
Presentations	-
Projects	-
Seminar	-
Midterm Exams	30%
Quiz	-
Final	20%
Total	100%

Course Plan	Subjects to Be Discussed
1. Week	The Scientific Movements Leading to Evolutionary Psychology
2. Week	The New Science of Evolutionary Psychology
3. Week	Combating the Hostile Forces of Nature
4. Week	Women's and Men's Long-Term Mating strategies
5. Week	Short-Term Sexual Strategies
6. Week	Problems of Parenting
7. Week	Problems of Kinship
8. Week	Cooperative Alliances
9. Week	Aggression and Warfare

10. Week	Conflict between the Sexes
11. Week	Status, Prestige, and Social Dominance
12. Week	Toward a Unified Evolutionary Psychology