## MD5001 Theories of Health Psychology and Behaviour Change

SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2020-2021			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			

This module will consist of the knowledge base that covers the context and perspectives of health psychology including an historical overview and current theories and approaches in health psychology. It will include an awareness of other related disciplines, and acknowledgement of social and cultural factors. Theoretical models of health behaviour and behaviour change will be introduced including associated health-related beliefs and cognitions.

Co-requisite(s):	You must also take MD5002	
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and a 2-hour tutorial.	
Assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Examination = 60%, Coursework = 40%	
Module coordinator:	Professor G M Humphris	

#### MD5002 Quality of Life, Communication and Chronic Illness

SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2020-2021			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			

This core module will contain the knowledge base for understanding the conceptual underpinnings of the quality of life field and its importance in generating a debate about the success of health care interventions, assessment of care and definitions of health and illness. The relevance of psychological issues to the person suffering acute and chronic illness will be covered and the important role of communication processes in the interface between patient, clinical staff and care-givers will be included as a key theme. Some practical observation of clinical-related communication processes will be an additional feature of this module.

Co-requisite(s):	You must also take MD5001	
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures, a 2-hour tutorial and a practical.	
Assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Examination = 60%, Coursework = 40%	
Module coordinator:	Dr A H Laidlaw	

### MD5003 Biological Systems and Development

SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2020-2021			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			

This core module will introduce the importance of biological and developmental systems to the understanding of people's perceived and actual health status including methods of assessing health behaviour and intervening to change health behaviour. This module will consist of learning a generalisable tool to analyse and pool the effects of interventions, namely meta-analysis.

Pre-requisite(s):	Before taking this module you must pass MD5001 and pass MD5002
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures, a 2-hour seminar and a practical.
Assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Examination = 60%, Coursework = 40%
Module coordinator:	Dr J E Cecil

# MD5004 Health Information, Prevention and Decision Making

SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2020-2021			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			

This core module introduces the student to the expanding field of health information, prevention and decision making. Members of the public, whether they are patients or not are bombarded with health information and misinformation, via various media, from which they may process and make decisions about entering or remaining in the health care system, or embarking on new health or self care interventions designed to improve outcome. Students will acquire understanding on how to assess the influence of these interventions through detailed examination of a mixture of theoretical and practical steps.

Pre-requisite(s):	Normally before taking this module you must pass MD5001 and pass MD5002 and pass PS5003	
Co-requisite(s):	You must also take PS5005	
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	<b>Weekly contact</b> : 3 lectures and a 2-hour tutorial each week during the 3 week module and 2 practicals (1-2 hours) in two of the 3 weeks of the module are scheduled to take place during the three week module.	
Assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Examination = 60%, Coursework = 40%	
Module coordinator:	Dr G Ozakinci	

#### MD5090 Research Project in Health Psychology

SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester	Full Year
Academic year:	2020-2021			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			

The dissertation will consist of a written report of original, empirical health psychology research, up to 5,000 words in length. It will consist of an appropriate literature review, statement of aims, methods, results, discussion and conclusion sections with supporting bibliography. The project will be supervised and receive ethical approval.

Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: Individual supervision.
Assessment pattern:	Project report (Dissertation) = 100%
Module coordinator:	Professor G M Humphris
Module teaching staff:	Professor Gerald Humphris and Dr Jo Cecil