



SKIL40016 *Positive Learning for University*

Term 3 - 2020

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General Information

Overview

Positive Learning for University introduces you to a variety of concepts through the framework of Positive Psychology. Techniques will be taught to: enhance clarity and identify personal meaning and values; increase optimism through changes in thinking; consider how gratitude and mindfulness improve personal well-being; identify personal strengths; provide opportunities to develop positive relationships; improve communication skills; and integrate healthy living to ensure a healthy environment for study. Through a mixture of theory, practical activities and reflection, you will demonstrate how personal attitudes and ways of thinking affect your learning, and you will consider solutions to the challenges that may be encountered in higher education. Additionally, in order to navigate an online world, you will be introduced to a number of technology platforms that will further support your learning and assist you to demonstrate understanding of concepts using technology.

Details

Career Level: *Non-award*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 3 - 2020

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Non-award unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 10%

2. **Portfolio**

Weighting: 20%

3. **Portfolio**

Weighting: 40%

4. **Practical and Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student evaluation

Feedback

Some students would like the option of studying the unit on campus.

Recommendation

Offer more online sessions via Zoom. (Unfortunately, there are not enough students to be able to offer the unit on campus.)

Feedback from Lecturer/Student feedback

Feedback

Some links on the unit Moodle site are out of date.

Recommendation

Conduct pre-term checks to identify and update any broken links, and ask students to report any issues they encounter.

Feedback from Student evaluation

Feedback

Students have indicated a preference for videos rather than audio files (such as Ingrid Poulson ABC radio interview).

Recommendation

Research TED talks that relate to the unit content and can be used to replace audio files on the unit Moodle site.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. identify the key principles that underpin Positive Psychology
2. apply positive strategies and techniques to enhance learning and personal success
3. reflect on how Positive Psychology concepts affect learning
4. navigate online technologies to promote engagement and share knowledge
5. apply Positive Psychology concepts to real life contexts

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 10%	•				
2 - Portfolio - 20%		•	•		
3 - Portfolio - 40%		•	•	•	
4 - Practical and Written Assessment - 30%				•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Self Management	—	—	—	—	—
2 - Communication		—	—	—	—
3 - Information Literacy				—	—
4 - Information Technology Competence	—	—		—	—
5 - Problem Solving	—	—	—	—	—
6 - Critical Thinking	—	—	—	—	—
7 - Cross-Cultural Competence		—	—		—
8 - Ethical Practice	—	—	—		—
9 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures					

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 10%	—			—	—	—		—	
2 - Portfolio - 20%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3 - Portfolio - 40%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4 - Practical and Written Assessment - 30%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Computer - ability to access study materials, access Zoom application for meetings and view instructional videos.

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

Trixie James Unit Coordinator
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Schedule

Week 1: INTRODUCTION TO POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND THE CHOOSE MODEL - 09 Nov 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to Positive Psychology and the CHOOSE model		

Week 2: POSITIVE LIFE - KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, LEARN FROM WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN - 16 Nov 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Positive life. Know where you are going, learn from where you have been		Quiz - Introduction to Positive Psychology Due: Week 2 Friday (20 Nov 2020) 12:00 pm AEST

Week 3: POSITIVE HEALTH, REAPING THE BENEFITS OF A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE - 23 Nov 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Positive health. Reaping the benefits of a healthy lifestyle		

Week 4: POSITIVE EMOTIONS. DEVELOPING POSITIVE EMOTIONS FOR A POSITIVE OUTLOOK - 30 Nov 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Positive emotions. Developing positive emotions for a positive outlook		

Vacation Week - 07 Dec 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 5: OPTIMISM. ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE - 14 Dec 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Optimism. Always look on the bright side of life		Assessment 2: Reflective Portfolio A Due: Week 5 Monday (14 Dec 2020) 12:00 pm AEST

Week 6: OPTIMISM. EDUCATION TO PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT - 21 Dec 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Optimism. Education to personal empowerment		

Vacation Week - 28 Dec 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 7: POSITIVE STRENGTHS. USING YOUR BEST TO MAKE YOU BETTER - 04 Jan 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Positive strengths. Using your best to make you better		

Week 8: STRESS AND RESILIENCE. MAKING MOLEHILLS OUT OF MOUNTAINS - 11 Jan 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Stress and Resilience. Making molehills out of mountains		

Week 9: SOCIAL INNOVATION TO SELF-EMPOWERMENT. BE INSPIRED TO FLOURISH - 18 Jan 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Positive relationships. Gaining perspective on life, yourself, and others		Assessment 3: Reflective Portfolio B Due: Week 9 Friday (22 Jan 2021) 12:00 pm AEST

Week 10: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS: GAINING PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE, YOURSELF, AND OTHERS - 25 Jan 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Positive communication. Communicating with others		

Week 11: POSITIVE COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS - 01 Feb 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Self-empowerment. Be inspired to flourish		

Week 12: ENJOYMENT. ENJOY THE MOMENT - 08 Feb 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Enjoyment. Enjoy the moment		Assessment 4: Final Assessment task Due: Week 12 Friday (12 Feb 2021) 12:00 pm AEST

Exam Week - 15 Feb 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Term Specific Information

I am Trixie James, the unit coordinator, support lecturer and marker for this unit (otherwise known as PLU).

You can contact me via email at t.james@cqu.edu.au or phone 0741 507146. I am located at the Bundaberg campus.

Assessment Tasks

1 Quiz - Introduction to Positive Psychology

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

After reading Module 1 and watching ALL SnapShots and YouTube links, you are required to complete this quiz to demonstrate your understanding of the principles behind Positive Psychology and what research has found to support this theory.

This quiz is an open book test which means you may have these resources on hand to assist you when responding to the questions. The quiz is located on Moodle via the Assessment link. You will be given 2 hours to complete this quiz and you only have one attempt to complete the 20 questions.

Do not attempt this quiz until you have:

- 1) completed reading Module 1 and watched ALL SnapShots and YouTube links
- 2) ensured you have a steady internet connection
- 3) allowed the full two hours to complete the quiz if required

Please ensure you take the time to identify and take note of any errors as you will be unable to access responses after you sign out of that session.

Number of Quizzes

1

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Week 2 Friday (20 Nov 2020) 12:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Results will be provided automatically on completion of the quiz

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

This quiz assesses your understanding of the key concepts around Positive Psychology from Module 1.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- identify the key principles that underpin Positive Psychology

Graduate Attributes

- Self Management
- Information Technology Competence
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Practice

2 Assessment 2: Reflective Portfolio A

Assessment Type

Portfolio

Task Description

From Week 2 to Week 4, there will be weekly tasks to complete for the Reflective Portfolio.

A template is provided for you to fill with your responses to the weekly reflective tasks. Title it 'Reflective Portfolio A_student name.docx' for submission purposes. These weekly tasks can be accessed through the weekly Moodle Tiles or through the Assessment Overview Tile on Moodle.

In order to complete each task, you will need to reflect on the material in each module as well as the additional material provided on the Positive Learning for University Moodle site and apply the content to your current situation as a student. There may be some activities for which additional information in the form of worksheets, articles, websites or other resources may be required.

Upload the final Microsoft Word document to Moodle through the 'Assessment' quicklink on Moodle.

Full details of the assessment tasks are available on Moodle under the Assessment Overview Tile.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Monday (14 Dec 2020) 12:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 6 Wednesday (23 Dec 2020)

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed according to the quality and depth of your responses. The criteria that will guide the marker includes:

Completion of all reflective portfolio tasks
Demonstrated understanding of each concept
Depth of thinking and evidence of the ability to apply concepts to life.

You are expected to write in an academic style using complete sentences when responding to questions and reference all sources using Harvard style referencing.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- apply positive strategies and techniques to enhance learning and personal success
- reflect on how Positive Psychology concepts affect learning

Graduate Attributes

- Self Management
- Communication
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Cross-Cultural Competence
- Ethical Practice

3 Assessment 3: Reflective Portfolio B

Assessment Type

Portfolio

Task Description

From Week 5 to Week 8, there will be weekly tasks to complete for Reflective Portfolio B. These tasks will ask you to reflect on the Positive Psychology content and write a response.

A template is provided for you to fill with your responses to the weekly reflective tasks. Title it 'Reflective Portfolio A_student name.docx' for submission purposes. These weekly tasks can be accessed through the weekly Moodle Tiles or through the Assessment Overview Tile on Moodle.

In order to complete each task, you will need to reflect on the material in each module as well as the additional material provided on the Positive Learning for University Moodle site and apply the content to your current situation as a student. There may be some activities for which additional information in the form of worksheets, articles, websites or other resources may be required.

Upload the final Microsoft Word document to Moodle through the 'Assessment' quicklink on Moodle.

Full details of the assessment tasks are available on Moodle under the Assessment Overview Tile.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Friday (22 Jan 2021) 12:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Wednesday (3 Feb 2021)

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed according to the quality and depth of your responses. The criteria that will guide the marker includes:

Completion of all workbook tasks
Demonstrated understanding of each concept
Depth of thinking and evidence of the ability to apply concepts to life.

You are expected to write in an academic style using complete sentences when responding to questions and reference all sources using Harvard style referencing.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- apply positive strategies and techniques to enhance learning and personal success
- reflect on how Positive Psychology concepts affect learning
- navigate online technologies to promote engagement and share knowledge

Graduate Attributes

- Self Management
- Communication
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Cross-Cultural Competence
- Ethical Practice

4 Assessment 4: Final Assessment task

Assessment Type

Practical and Written Assessment

Task Description

In order to demonstrate your understanding of the theory of Positive Psychology, you have 3 options to choose from for the final assessment task. These three options have specific criteria that align with each one. Please read through the descriptions below and then go to the Assessment Overview Tab on Moodle for more explicit details.

Educational Campaign: As you reflect on the past term, you will notice that there have been many theories and strategies presented to you in order to assist you in becoming a more positive student and person. Your task is to choose a concept that has been covered this term and develop an Educational Campaign to further expand on this subject.

Social Innovation Initiative: Using Human-Centered Design, you will design an initiative that will improve an issue within our university. This task requires you to identify an issue that a university student has and through following the Human-Centered Design framework, come up with ideas, decide on an initiative, and then formulate a report to present that initiative.

Random Acts of Kindness: This summative task consists of an applied element alongside a reflection of current research. Random Acts of Kindness is an approach taught within the realm of positive psychology and is instrumental in creating well-being and a sense of satisfaction for those doing the act of kindness. This task requires you to dedicate some time to completing some Random Acts of Kindness and then reflect upon this experience. In addition, you will read some current research findings on the benefits of altruism.

Full details on each of these are available on Moodle. Once you have chosen the task, please email the Unit Coordinator with your decision.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (12 Feb 2021) 12:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (19 Feb 2021)

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

The three options have specific criteria that align to each one. These criteria can be found on Moodle alongside the Assessment description.

You will be assessed according to the quality and depth of your responses. The criteria that guide the marker includes:

Completion of all tasks outlined in the Assessment description

Demonstrated understanding of the Positive Psychology concepts

You are expected to write in an academic style using complete sentences when responding to questions and reference all sources using Harvard style referencing.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- navigate online technologies to promote engagement and share knowledge
- apply Positive Psychology concepts to real life contexts

Graduate Attributes

- Self Management
- Communication
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Cross-Cultural Competence
- Ethical Practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem