

As Per NEP 2020

University of Mumbai



Syllabus for Basket of Open Elective (OE) Vertical 3

Faculty of Humanities

Board of Studies in Psychology

UG Second Year Programme

Semester

I

Title of Paper

Credits

Cyber Psychology

2

From the Academic Year

2025-26

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Description the course:	The course contains various components of Cyber Psychology , for the Open Elective (OE) students. The topics covered in the course include concepts related This course explores the dynamic interaction between human psychology and digital environments. It delves into how individuals construct identities, form relationships, and engage in social behavior in cyberspace. Topics include online identity management, internet addiction, gender expression, online conflict resolution, and research methods tailored for studying virtual communities. Drawing from psychological theories and real-world examples, students will gain insights into the cognitive and emotional aspects of digital interaction.
2	Vertical:	Major/Minor/Open Elective/Skill Enhancement / Ability Enhancement/Indian Knowledge System (Choose By ✓)
3	Type:	Theory
4	Credit:	2 credits (1 credit = 15 Hours for Theory or 30 Hours of Practical work in a semester)
5	Hours Allotted:	30 Hours
6	Marks Allotted:	50 Marks
7	Course Objectives:	1. To understand the psychological principles underlying human behavior in cyberspace, including identity formation, personality expression, and addiction patterns. 2. To develop skills in analyzing online relationships and conducting ethical research in digital environments.
8	Course Outcomes:	After completing this course, students will able to ... 1.Students will be able to critically assess and interpret psychological behaviors and phenomena that emerge in online settings. 2. Students will demonstrate the ability to design and conduct basic research studies on digital interactions, applying ethical guidelines specific to cyberspace.

9	Modules:- Per credit One module																
	Module 1: The Psychology of Individual in Cyberspace																
	1. Identity Management in Cyberspace 2. Personality Types in Cyberspace; Addiction to Computers and Cyberspace 3. Healthy and Pathological Internet Use; Gender Switching in Cyberspace 4. On being a “god”; eQuest; and Integrating online and offline living																
	Module 2: The Psychology of Cyberspace Relationships and Research Methods in Cyberspace																
	1. In-person versus Cyberspace Relationships 2. The Psychology of Text Relationships and Hypotheses about Online Text Relationships 3. How to Resolve Conflicts Online; Cyberspace Romances 4. Participant Observation Research; Steps in Studying an Online Group; Ethics in Cyberspace Research and Studying Full Cyberspace Immersion																
10	Text Books: 1. Suler, J.R. (2000). The Psychology of Cyberspace. Rider University																
11	Reference Books: Whitty, M. T., & Young, G. (1st Edition, 2016). Cyberpsychology: The Study of Individuals, Society and Digital Technologies.																
12	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%	External, Semester End Examination: 60% Individual Passing in Internal and External Examination: 40%															
13	Continuous Evaluation through:	Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) Marks: 20 a) Question Paper Pattern for Class Test Examination (10 Marks) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Question No.</th><th>Particular</th><th>Marks</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Fill in the Blanks/ match pairs/ MCQ/True False (All are compulsory)</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Short Notes (Any one out of three)</td><td>5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> b) Completion of following activities as a part of CIE (10 Marks) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th><th>Particular</th><th>Marks</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Classroom Presentations/ Assignments /Movie Review / Essay Submission/ Book review/ Field Visit Report / Educational Activity Report</td><td>10</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Question No.	Particular	Marks	1	Fill in the Blanks/ match pairs/ MCQ/True False (All are compulsory)	5	2	Short Notes (Any one out of three)	5	Sr. No.	Particular	Marks	1	Classroom Presentations/ Assignments /Movie Review / Essay Submission/ Book review/ Field Visit Report / Educational Activity Report	10
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14	Format of Question Paper: for the final examination External / Semester End Examination Q.1 Fill in the blanks match pairs/ MCQ/True False (Based on all units). Marks 10 Q.2 Essay Type Questions (Attempt Any One out of two Based on Unit I). Marks 10 Q.3 Short Notes/Problem (Attempt Any Two out of Four Based on Unit II). Marks 10
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