

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE ORIGINS OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

King's College London

**Program(s)**

King's College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Psychology

**UCEAP Course Number**

113

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

N

**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

The course examines the classical distinction between 'nature' and 'nurture', and the status of genetic and environmental explanations of psychological variation. The research techniques covered include twin studies, gene-environment interaction studies, Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS) and polygenic risk scores. The course also explores the nature of gender differences, including the role of biological sex and culture in the development of gender identity, and sex differences in cognitive abilities and vulnerability to mental health problems and developmental disorders such as autism. Lastly, students explore social and cultural influences on the vulnerability to mental health problems, using developmental psychology, global mental health, and social psychiatry approaches.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

5PAHPIDP

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### **Host Institution Campus**

King's College London

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

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