

<b>Module Title</b> <b>Dissertation (Professional Doctorate)</b>	Reference	BSD001
	SCQF	SCQF
<b>Keywords</b>	Level	12
	SCQF Points	420
	ECTS Points	210
	Created	May 2005
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### **This Version is No Longer Current**

The latest version of this module is available [here](#)

#### **Prerequisites for Module**

120 credits at SCQF level 11 or equivalent, including completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods

#### **Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Distance Learning
<i>Directed Study</i>	276	276
<i>Private Study</i>	3,924	3,924

#### **Corequisite Modules**

None.

#### **Precluded Modules**

None.

#### **Mode of Delivery**

Students are expected to take full responsibility for their own learning, and will receive guidance and support from their Principal Supervisor, and others as appropriate.

#### **Aims of Module**

To enable the student to undertake pure and/or applied research and development at an advanced level, contributing

#### **Assessment Plan**

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Coursework	1,2,3,4

an advanced level, contributing substantially to the development of new techniques, ideas and approaches, by applying their subject knowledge and their knowledge of research methods to an independent investigation of a topic within a relevant field.

### **Learning Outcomes for Module**

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Conceptualise, design and implement an approved research project in the chosen subject field.
2. Apply a range of research skills and methods to gather, analyse and critically evaluate literature, theories, data and evidence as appropriate to the agreed research topic in a relevant field.
3. Present and critically evaluate findings and conclusions in a piece of independent research that contributes to and advances the body of knowledge in their chosen specialist area.

The assessment will normally consist of a dissertation of 60,000 words.

### **Indicative Bibliography**

1. LEE, N.J., 2009. *Achieving your professional doctorate*. New York: Open University Press.
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3. ANDERSON, L. et al., 2015. *Professional doctorates in business and management*. London: Sage Publications Ltd.
4. EASTERBY-SMITH, M., et al., 2018. *Management and business research*. 6th ed. London: Sage Publications Ltd.
5. SHON, P.C., 2012. *How to read journal articles in the social sciences*. London: Sage.
6. PUNCH, K. F., 2014. *Introduction to social research: quantitative and qualitative approaches*. London: Sage Publications Ltd.
7. WALLACE, M. and WRAY, A., 2011. *Critical reading and writing for postgraduates*. 2nd ed. London: Sage.

### **Additional Notes**

In addition, students will be expected

4. Develop and apply, at an advanced level, the skills of written communication and presentation required to appropriately address relevant theory and concepts, and/or current debates.

In addition, students will be expected to search the literature and read widely in the area chosen for investigation as directed by their supervisory team.

### **Indicative Module Content**

A research proposal on a relevant topic, normally developed in the modules leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods, will form the basis for development of the Dissertation. Students will work independently but under tutorial supervision, to undertake the research and prepare the dissertation.