

<b>Module Title</b> <b>Dissertation (Professional Doctorate)</b>	Reference BSD001 SCQF SCQF Level 12 SCQF Points 420 ECTS Points 210 Created May 2005 Approved June 2014 Amended June 2014 Version No. 3
<b>Keywords</b>	

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### Prerequisites for Module

Students are eligible for the doctoral level dissertation if they have successfully completed the Transfer process and achieved 120 credits at SCQF level 11 or equivalent, including GSM005 and GSM008.

### Corequisite Modules

None.

### Precluded Modules

None.

### Aims of Module

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

### Indicative Student Workload

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

### Mode of Delivery

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

### Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Coursework	1,2,3,4

The assessment will consist of a dissertation of 60,000 words and an oral defence of the thesis.

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. Analyse 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.
4. Develop and apply, at an advanced level, the skills of written communication and presentation required to appropriately address

### **Indicative Bibliography**

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### **Additional Notes**

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.

relevant theory and concepts,  
and/or current debates.

### **Indicative Module Content**

A research proposal on a relevant topic, normally developed in GSM005 and GSM008, will form the basis for development of the Dissertation. Students will work independently to undertake the research and prepare the dissertation.