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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Dissertation

Reference	SSM116	Version	2
Created	April 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	April 2016	SCQF Points	60
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	30

### Aims of Module

To demonstrate competence in research methodology by undertaking independent research on an approved topic relevant to Applied Psychology.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Research and review the literature on a research topic and produce a research proposal.
- 2 Critically evaluate and apply appropriate research skills and analysis in relation to the agreed topic.
- 3 Demonstrate research management skills at an appropriate level.
- 4 Produce a critical and logical interpretation of their research in the form of a written dissertation.

### Indicative Module Content

Student-led independent research under academic supervision to include: Philosophy of research, Literature review, Design and preparation of a research project and collection of data, Quantitative and qualitative data analysis techniques, Submission of Dissertation.

### Module Delivery

This is a practical module devoted to research in an agreed field and may involve a wide range of techniques. Distance learning delivery will be through self-directed study from web-based learning materials. Students will be assigned an on-line tutor for further guidance and support

### Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	10	10
Non-Contact Hours	590	590
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	600	600
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

**Component 1**

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: The coursework is a dissertation which will take the form of an empirical research project.

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

There is one coursework which contributes 100% to the module total.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	The student needs an A in C1
<b>B</b>	The student needs a B in C1
<b>C</b>	The student needs a C in C1
<b>D</b>	The student needs a D in C1
<b>E</b>	The student needs an E in C1
<b>F</b>	The student needs an F in C1
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	Successful completion of Stage 1 of MSc Applied Psychology
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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- 5 Smith, T. R. (2004). *The Principles of Writing in Psychology*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.