

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Dissertation

Reference	SSM116	Version	3
Created	September 2019	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	April 2016	SCQF Points	60
Amended	October 2019	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 a dissertation supervisor 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:
A	The student needs an A in C1
B	The student needs a B in C1
C	The student needs a C in C1
D	The student needs a D in C1
E	The student needs an E in C1
F	The student needs an F in C1
NS	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

- 1 Bell, J. (2007). *Doing Your Research Project* (4th ed.). Buckingham, UK: Open University Press.
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- 5 Smith, T. R. (2004). *The Principles of Writing in Psychology*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.