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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Dissertation

Reference	SSM301	Version	5
Created	August 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	September 2004	SCQF Points	45
Amended	September 2017	ECTS Points	22.5

Aims of Module

To allow students to demonstrate by empirical research or structured literature review a level of enquiry into a field relevant to social work practice commensurate with a Master's Award.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Critically evaluate a range of social science and social work literature relevant to their research proposal.
- 2 Critically use research literature and/or primary research to address their research question(s).
- 3 Write a dissertation which critically evaluates implication of their research for practice.

Indicative Module Content

Advanced project management skills. Research methodologies and skills. Time management. Data handling. Writing skills. Presentation skills. Literature searching. Applying research to practice. Informing and evaluating social work practice. Where the student chooses a child centred topic for their Dissertation they will draw from knowledge and research of the subject matter and meet the expectations and knowledge requirements of Key Capabilities in Child Care and Protection (Scottish Executive 2006).

Module Delivery

Individual and group supervision. Directed self study.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	N/A	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	450	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	450	N/A
<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
 Description: The module will be assessed by a dissertation.

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

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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