



## **Module Specification**

### **Dissertation in Psychology**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Dissertation in Psychology

**Module code:** USPJM8-60-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 60

**ECTS credit rating:** 30

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS Dept of Social Sciences

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Psychology

**Module type:** Module

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Co-requisites: students must take USPJHX-20-3 Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology or USPJEM-20-M Research Design and Experimental Methods or USPJKA-20-M Advanced Statistics in Psychology or USP JF4-20M Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Health Psychology.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes.

**Outline syllabus:** Specific content covered will typically include:

Specialist area of study within psychology selected by the student with the advice of a supervisor with expertise in Psychology Research Methods or in Health Psychology, dependent upon programme registered for

Research methods advice appropriate to the selected area of study

Research communication principles

Programme of research seminars and invited external speakers

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Each student will be allocated a dissertation supervisor. Supervision will be on an individual basis and there will also be small group meetings as appropriate, some of which will be programme specific. A programme of regular supervision sessions (minimum of eight) will be planned with each student who will be encouraged to prepare work for discussion at each meeting. Once the research question and protocol are established a research timetable will be agreed with each student.

A programme of research support workshops will be offered in particular aspects of the research process, including applying for University Ethics approval, approaches, data analysis and research communication, as appropriate.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Carry out a critical literature review in a chosen area of psychology, appropriate to programme undertaken (i.e. MSc Health Psychology students must undertake research within Health Psychology, MSc Research Methods in Psychology students must make the justification and critique of methods relevant to their dissertation)

**MO2** Identify and locate a research question within that area. Select and defend approach to the research question

**MO3** Design a research protocol

**MO4** Plan and execute a piece of independent research

**MO5** Analyse and interpret the data collected and defend both the analysis and interpretation

**MO6** Critically locate the research findings against published work

**MO7** Produce a written report of the research demonstrating an in depth understanding of the chosen area of study

**MO8** Engage appropriately with supervision, demonstrating an ability to present ideas and respond appropriately to feedback

**Hours to be allocated:** 600

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 600 hours

Total = 600

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** This module has no assessment strategy

**Assessment tasks:**

**Dissertation - Component A** (First Sit)

Description: Masters dissertation assessed by dissertation – (15,000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7, MO8

**Dissertation - Component A (Resit)**

Description: Masters dissertation assessed by dissertation – (15,000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: