

ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data						
Module Title	Professional Development on Placement					
Module Code	UPNNA5-30-3		Level	3	Version	1
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	WBL module? Yes		•
Owning Faculty	Faculty of Arts, Industries and E		Field	Linguistics		
Department	Arts and Cultura	Cultural Industries Module Type Standard				
Contributes towards	BA(Hons) Creative and Professional Writing BA(Hons) English BA(Hons) English Language and Linguistics BA(Hons) English and English Language BA(Hons) English and History BA(Hons) English with Writing BA(Hons History BA(Hons History with Heritage BA(Hons) Film Studies and Literature					
Pre-requisites	none		Co- requisites	Module to be taken during Placement (minimum 26 weeks)		U
Excluded Combinations	none		Module Entry requirements	120 credits at level one; at least 80 credits at level 2		
First CAP Approval Date	15 November 2	016	Valid from	September 2016		
Revision CAP Approval Date			Revised with effect from			

Part 2: Learning and Teaching				
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to:			
	Critically evaluate skills, knowledge and experience in relation to a placement role. (A)			
	2. To plan and achieve goals whilst on placement (A)			
	3. Reflect on experience and research into an industry or professional			
	development route to enhance employability knowledge and development. (A & B)			
	 Demonstrate knowledge of the placement organisation and/or industry. (A&B). Synthesise acquired knowledge and research into an implementation plan. (B) 			
Syllabus Outline	This module requires the student to take on a substantial period of supervised work experience, relevant to their academic programme of study, in a professional environment.			
	The precise details of the job requirements involved are negotiated and agreed between employer and student, with assistance and advice from the University as			

needed. Students are required to secure an approved placement before taking the module. Academic approval of the placement rests with a designated academic(s), and they assess whether students should be able to attain the learning outcomes of the module by undertaking their placement.

There is no formal taught syllabus for this module. Students are guided through the completion of a portfolio with resources provided to students that are accessible remotely.

Students are expected to demonstrate professional success in working to the employer's brief, and to reflect critically on the placement in relation to their academic programme. In doing this, they will have exposure to a range of topics from amongst the following:

- Organisational analysis. Industry-specific trends, developments or emerging issues.
- Contemporary cultural, societal or technological changes and opportunities related to their programme/discipline/industry.
- Legal, social, ethical and professional issues
- Codes of practice, professional standards, professionalism.
- Ethical practice, sustainability and global awareness.
- Relationships between study and practice relate concepts from their academic programme to their professional practice, and vice-versa.
- Reflective practice, lifelong learning and professional development.
- Comparative analysis of different workplaces.
- Personal development planning.

Contact Hours

Due to the type of learning on this programme, students will be working in a placement setting for a minimum duration of 26 weeks. During this study, students are expected to work within the terms and conditions stipulated by their placement provider. The module team will maintain contact with students on placement either through physical visits, or video conferencing (eg. Skype) alongside emails and VLE (eg. Blackboard).

Students will also be supported by the Placement Team at UWE, and includes settling-in phone calls.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Students engage in placement learning during this module and are expected to use support at the university to source their opportunities as this supports students' resilience and enables students to apply for roles relevant to their subject/industry area.

In preparation for this module, students can access a wide-range of university support to enable them to research industries, source and apply for opportunities and to prepare for interviews and assessment centres.

Given the nature of study, there are expectations of students to engage in high-levels of self-directed learning, to assimilate and contextualise new knowledge to their substantive area of studies. Students are required to be reflective through the use of a portfolio. The portfolio encourages students to make the most of their placement learning and identify development areas.

Typically, students will have a nominated placement supervisor within the host organisation. Students should gain feedback from their supervisor during their placement. The placement provider is encouraged to support student development through training, team working and professional development activities.

The students' academic tutor will provide academic supervision and support which includes continued contact with the student during their placement. Tutor support can be complemented by peer support and online collaboration.

Key Information Sets Information

Key Information Sets (KIS) are produced at programme level for all programmes that this module contributes to, which is a requirement set by HESA/HEFCE. KIS are comparable sets of standardised information about undergraduate courses allowing prospective students to compare and contrast between programmes they are interested in applying for.

Key Inform	ation Set - Mo	odule data			
Number of credits for this module				30	
Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours	
300	0	150	150	300	②

The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a -

Written Exam: Unseen written exam, open book written exam, In-class test **Coursework**: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project **Practical Exam**: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam

Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will not necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description:

Total assessment of the module:		
Written exam assessment percentage	0%	
Coursework assessment percentage	100%	
Practical exam assessment percentage	0%	
	100%	

Reading Strategy

A module handbook will be provided to students at the start of the module. The handbook will contain advice, information and support with learning whilst on placement.

Students are advised to use the full range of resources through their continued engagement with library resources, reading lists and online tools and resources.

No set text is applicable to this module due to its interdisciplinary nature but specific reading guidance may be made available for each module run. Reading matter is tailored to the student's programme or discipline area, workplace characteristics or individual needs where possible.

Indicative Reading List

Trought, F (2012). *Brilliant Employability Skills: how to stand out from the crowd in the graduate job market*, Prentice-Hall [ISBN 9780273749936]

ASET (2013). The ASET Code of Practice - A Good Practice Guide for Placement and Other Work-Based Learning Opportunities in Higher Education, The Work-Based and Placement Learning Association [ISBN: 0954223195]

Cottrell, S. (2010) *Skills for Success: The Personal Development Planning Handbook.* (2nd ed.) Palgrave Study Skills

Heyler, R. (2010) The Work-Based Learning Student Handbook. Palgrave Study Skills.

Part 3: Assessment			
Assessment Strategy	Component A – 50%		
	Portfolio. Students are required to complete a portfolio during the module. The portfolio will contain a number of elements and tasks that enable the student to reflect on their experiences and to maximise their potential whilst on placement. The portfolio will enable action-planning and produce assets to support continuing professional development.		
	Component B – 50%		
	Report (4000 words). Students are required to produce a report based on researching an organisation or industry that enables a potential professional route or career. The report should include analysis, investigation and synthesis. This should be underpinned by theory, practice and critical evaluation. Students should include an implementation plan informed by the research undertaken.		

Identify final assessment component and element	cify final assessment component and element		
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)			B: 50%
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Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element		Element v	weighting
1. Portfolio		100%	
Component B Description of each element		Element weighting	
1. Report (4000 words)		100%	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)			
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting		
1. Portfolio	100%		
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting		
1. Report (4000 words)	100%		

If a student is permitted a retake of the module under the University Regulations and Procedures, the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.