



Module Specification

Social Sciences Placement Year

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Social Sciences Placement Year

Module code: UZSY5D-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Sociology and Criminology

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: This module is studied whilst undertaking a placement year between levels 2 and 3 of study. The module provides a framework within which to recognise the learning and development of the student while on their placement year, recognising the enhanced development of subject expertise and/or graduate skills and attributes, both of significant value to the student's future beyond their degree.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: There is no taught syllabus for this module, instead students are guided through the completion of their Placement Portfolio, the content of which is negotiated in advance so that appropriate evidence of engagement and development is included. Appropriate resources are made available via Blackboard to support students in the completion of their portfolio, along with specific tutor guidance.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The social sciences placement recognises three key approaches to a placement year:

A work-based placement with an employer;

A study abroad year on an approved programme of study;

An entrepreneurial year – self-employed/business start-up.

All of these opportunities provide the student with the ability to apply or advance their subject knowledge, and/or to improve their graduate attributes, providing the student with invaluable experiential evidence in support of their future aspirations.

Every placement will have differing requirements in terms of start and end dates, which the student will be expected to meet, and which they agree to on acceptance of the placement offer. Ideally a placement should last for at least 40 weeks, and a student may use two or more shorter placements to achieve this, so long as arrangements are in place and agreed in advance. However, study abroad opportunities will equate to the host institution's academic year, and some highly relevant placements may fall short of 40 weeks, therefore as a minimum the placement should last for 24 weeks (ie equivalent to a UWE two semester academic year). All Placements must be agreed as suitable with the module and programme leader in advance.

This is a fully work-based/study-abroad learning module and as such there is no formal teaching and the module primarily uses a distance learning approach to self-

managed learning.

An individual academic tutor provides supervision and support, which normally includes a visit to the student in their placement place of work. Where this is not possible, due to distance constraints, the student will be offered a virtual meeting via Skype or similar. The student may also be encouraged to visit their tutor at UWE.

Access to appropriate advice and support services, such as the UWE Careers Placement Support team will be given and encouraged.

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

MO1 Evidence appropriate achievement and engagement in the placement opportunity

MO2 Critically reflect on the skills and attributes developed and evidenced as part of their placement year and articulate their value in supporting the student to achieve their graduate aspirations

MO3 Apply their experiential learning through communication of a critical evaluation, critical discussion or critical reflection relevant to their experience

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 30 hours

Placement = 120 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzsy5d-15-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzsy5d-15-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment of the placement will be managed by online portfolio, eg Pebble Pad.

The requirements for the portfolio will be set out in the module handbook and the specific elements for individual students will be agreed with the programme leader and/or the academic tutor.

For all placements the portfolio will be split into Task A and B sections. The Task A section, will present a range of evidence to demonstrate satisfactory engagement in the placement year activity. Depending on the nature of the placement year this may include: Health and Safety Induction; Visiting tutor report; employer report; academic transcript; evidence of skills development relevant to the placement; case-study write-up; business plan. This section of the portfolio will be assessed as Pass/Fail.

The second part of the portfolio, Task B, will be either an extended written submission of 3000 words or a 15 min presentation with 10 min questions. Again the format agreed should be appropriate to the placement and the advanced development of the student. As this is a module very much focussed on the student's development, formative dialogue with the student during the preparation of the submission would be seen to be an important part of the process in the same way that final year supervisors work with their project/dissertation students. Examples might include: a mini-project report; a reflective account; business pitch.

Assessment tasks:

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Portfolio

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Portfolio of engagement

(Pass/fail)

Weighting:

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Portfolio

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Portfolio of engagement

(Pass/fail)

Weighting:

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Sociology with Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Philosophy [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Applied Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Health Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Biological Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Social Psychology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Psychology with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Politics And International Relations [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons)
2020-21

Sociology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons)
2020-21

Philosophy {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-
21

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Psychology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons)
2020-21

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-
21

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-
21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA
(Hons) 2020-21

Psychology and Mental Health [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Politics and International Relations [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19