



## **Module Specification**

### **Dissertation Social Care**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Dissertation Social Care

**Module code:** UZVYBL-30-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

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

**Department:** HAS Dept of Social Sciences

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Health, Community and Policy Studies

**Module type:** Module

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** Yes

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

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** To develop a systematic survey/ project of scholarly sources of a chosen social care topic demonstrating a critical understanding of ethical issues social research. Consideration of how the knowledge gained through this research can inform contemporary social care practice.

**Outline syllabus:** Workshops will cover:

Doing a Systematic survey/ project of scholarly sources- choosing a topic;  
developing your question or title; writing a proposal.

Understanding the research process- design and methods.

Managing your library search strategy.

Critical analysis and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative research.

Ethical issues in social research.

Critical appraisal of research papers using tools and frameworks.

Synthesising the findings to identify emergent themes.

Linking theory and themes to develop discussion.

Presenting relevance to social care practice.

Structuring your dissertation.

Making effective use of supervision.

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

**Teaching and learning methods:** Scheduled learning includes workshops, lectures, discussion, online learning resources, group and individual supervision sessions.

Independent learning includes hours for study with essential reading, use of online resources, assignment preparation and completion. Students are encouraged to sign up for relevant study skills sessions with the Library.

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

**MO1** Demonstrate effective use of information management skills in order to carry out a literature review on a chosen subject

**MO2** Demonstrate knowledge of the research process

**MO3** Demonstrate critical awareness of ethical issues in social research

**MO4** Retrieve, review and critically evaluate secondary sources of data and information

**MO5** Critically appraise research papers

**MO6** Synthesize findings from research to identify emergent themes, develop discussion by making links to relevant theories within the social sciences

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 254 hours

Face-to-face learning = 46 hours

Total = 300

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvrts-30-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvrts-30-3.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** Summative - 6000 word systematic survey/ project of scholarly sources

Rationale - Students will undertake a detailed analysis of their chosen topic, identifying key research papers and utilising research evaluation skills to provide a critical review of methodology and research approaches. Students will then consider how the learning from this review can be applied to contemporary social care practice to enhance outcomes for service users and carers.

Formative - individual and group supervision to develop systematic survey/ project of scholarly sources and component chapters. Submission of dissertation proposal.

Resit - 6000 word systematic survey/ project of scholarly sources

**Assessment tasks:**

**Dissertation** (First Sit)

Description: 6000 word literature review

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

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

**Dissertation (Resit)**

Description: 6000 word literature review

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

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

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Health and Social Care {Top-Up} [SHAPE] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

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