



Module Specification

Extended Research Project

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Extended Research Project

Module code: USSJQP-120-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 120

ECTS credit rating: 60

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School of Applied Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Applied Sciences

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: Each research project will be independent, and there is no fixed syllabus. Students will spend their time undertaking research in their field. This could be laboratory work/experiments, desk based/data based projects, or field work for example. Students will be working closely with their designated supervisor to undertake the research.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The module aims to prepare students for a career in scientific research and gives them the skills and knowledge to help them become experts in their chosen field.

Outline syllabus: Each research project will be independent, and there is no fixed syllabus. Students will spend their time undertaking research in their field. This could be laboratory work/experiments, desk based/data based projects, or field work.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Students will receive support from their project supervisor to develop and execute their novel research.

The module will also be supported by whole group seminars which also form a part of their other modules on the course.

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

MO1 Undertake a critical review of contemporary literature in the research field, articulated in an appropriate scientific writing style.

MO2 Critically evaluate and select research methods and perspectives appropriate to answering the research question.

MO3 Produce and analyse authentic data using relevant methodologies e.g. experimental data and appropriate statistical analysis.

MO4 Effectively communicate research findings in an appropriate format and critically and justify findings at advanced level both in the dissertation and in the viva.

Hours to be allocated: 1200

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 1200 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvy4m-120-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvy4m-120-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Assessment 1: Written Assignment (Maximum 2000 words)

A research proposal, including background, rationale, study design, research questions, aims and objectives, data sources, ethical consideration, and project feasibility.

Assessment 2: Dissertation

Dissertation (max. 20,000 words) and viva voce (1 hour).

The dissertation and viva are important aspects of communicating findings and taking ownership of work. Students on an MRes programme are likely to wish to pursue a career in scientific research and go on to do PhDs. The dissertation and viva will help prepare them for this.

Students will be supported to succeed in this module through regular meetings with the dissertation supervisor and through the review of draft work.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Research proposal (2000 words)

Weighting: 20 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Dissertation (First Sit)

Description: Written extended dissertation (20,000 words) with oral examination (1 hour).

Weighting: 80 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Research Proposal (2000 words)

Weighting: 20 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Dissertation (Resit)

Description: Written extended dissertation (20,000 words) with oral examination (1 hour).

Weighting: 80 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Applied Sciences [Frenchay] MRes 2024-25

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