



Module Specification

Dissertation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation

Module code: UZSYPD-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2026-27

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School 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: The aim of the module is to provide students with the opportunity to undertake independent research on a topic that is of interest and to present the findings in the form of a written dissertation of 10,000 words.

The topic of research must be relevant to the curriculum and will be agreed with the tutor/supervisor.

You will be supported throughout the research process via one-to-one supervision.

Features: Students will select an area of interest from the curriculum and utilise their skills in research and data analysis to formulate a research question and then conduct an investigation in order to present findings and draw meaningful conclusions.

Educational aims: This module will enable students to demonstrate their understanding of different research methodologies and theoretical perspective in research design, to critically assess the relevance of their application to the chosen topic and to demonstrate the ability to conduct different analytical techniques and evaluate and methods as relevant.

As part of the module students will be expected to demonstrate a high level of autonomy, independent study, research, analytical and reasoning skills.

Outline syllabus: Topics will include but are not limited to:

Understanding how and why research is undertaken.

Developing a succinct research question.

Understanding rationale, justifications and research gaps

Understanding the importance of ethics within research.

Develop an appropriate research methodology/ design.

Conducting Literature Reviews

Using appropriate data analysis techniques to interpret data.

Drawing and developing logical, well-reasoned conclusions that shows how the original research objectives have been met.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module may consist of the following activities:

Lectures

Seminars

1:1 tutorials / supervision

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

MO1 To demonstrate extensive knowledge and critical understanding of the chosen topic.

MO2 Produce an in-depth literature review which is critical of the existing academic research conducted in the chosen topic.

MO3 Identify and mitigate against potential ethical issues based around the dissertation.

MO4 Independently locate and critically analyse data from a number of available sources and manage and apply that data using appropriate analytical methods.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/614F38B1-58C7-C1A5-E978-D793B8B93B76.html?lang=en-GB&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/614F38B1-58C7-C1A5-E978-D793B8B93B76.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Students will prepare a formative presentation proposal which provides an opportunity for discussion and feedforward of the research design, methodologies employed and any ethical issues which may have been identified in their chosen research topic. Once approved the students will then conduct research and present their findings and conclusions in a dissertation of 10000 words. Students will be given the opportunities for formative feedback through the use of seminars, presentations, class discussion etc.

Task One – Dissertation

Independent research report of 10000 words.

Assessment tasks:

Dissertation (First Sit)

Description: 10000 words.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Dissertation (Resit)

Description: 10000 words.

Weighting: 100 %

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:

Criminology and Public Services [UCW] BSc (Hons) 2024-25