



Module Specification

Dissertation (Social Work)

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation (Social Work)

Module code: UZVRTS-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: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: Workshops will cover:

Doing a literature review- 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 work 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, 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.

72 hours of scheduled learning and teaching study hours. Online engagement with learning materials through Blackboard.

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 relevant to social work practice

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

MO7 Develop discussion on themes by making links to relevant theory 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: The assessment will be a 6000 word dissertation in the form of a literature review. Students will select a topic relevant to contemporary social work practice. Students will be given formative support through submission of a dissertation proposal and allocation of a dissertation supervisor to work on an individual and small group basis with them. This will provide opportunities for feedback and support from the academic team and the peer group. There will

additional support sessions provided by the library to enable students to continue to develop their skills in data base search strategies.

Assessment tasks:**Dissertation (First Sit)**

Description: Dissertation (6000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

Dissertation (Resit)

Description: Dissertation (6000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Social Work [Sep][FT][Glenside][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Social Work [Sep][PT][Glenside][6yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20