

# ME956-60 Dissertation (Health and Wellbeing)

**20/21**

**Department**

Warwick Medical School

**Level**

Taught Postgraduate Level

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

60

**Module duration**

12 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

### Module aims

To enable the students to apply knowledge and skills obtained in the taught modules of the MA Social Research to a research question of their choosing to facilitate their transition to independent doctoral research.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

To undertake a research project (either empirical or literature based), including the following aspects:

- A clear research question
- A research design that appropriately answers the research question

- Evidence of data generation (empirical or literature based)
- Evidence of data analysis and synthesis
- A substantial independent piece of academic work based on the findings of the analysis, informed by references to appropriate literature throughout.

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

1. Think critically about their chosen research topic and identify an appropriate theoretical perspective within which to situate their research approach.
2. Formulate a research question within their field of interest that may feasibly be answered within the constraints of an MA dissertation.
3. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of different research methodologies and how these might be applied to health-related research.
4. Develop a research protocol that complies with ethical principles and addresses their research question.
5. Demonstrate self-direction and independence in carrying out their chosen research project.
6. Demonstrate advanced skills in planning, information gathering, data interpretation and synthesis for their research enquiry.
7. Produce and communicate a substantial, independent piece of academic work based on the findings of their analysis, informed by references to appropriate literature throughout.

## Indicative reading list

Each project will focus on a different research question, therefore the appropriate literature will vary across projects with the input and guidance of the student's supervisor.

However, students may find these following generic texts useful:

Murray, R. 2006. How to write a thesis, Open University Press.

Griffiths, F. 2009. Research methods for healthcare practice, Sage.

Bryman, A. 2012. Social research methods (4th ed.), Oxford University Press.

Williams, K et al. 2010. Planning your PhD, Palgrave Macmillan.

## Subject specific skills

Sound understanding of subject

Critically evaluate

Reflection

## Transferable skills

Numeracy

Thinking and problem solving

written communication

oral communication

Teamwork

Organisation & time management  
Use of tools and technology  
Commercial awareness  
Independence and initiative  
Adaptability/Flexibility

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Project supervision	12 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Private study	588 hours (84%)
Assessment	100 hours (14%)
Total	700 hours

### Private study description

Private Study.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time
Essay/Coursework 12,000-15,000 words	100%	100 hours

### Feedback on assessment

Students will be offered formative feedback through their supervisions. Students will receive written feedback on their completed dissertations.

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## **Availability**

## **Courses**

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of TIMA-L981 Postgraduate Social Science Research