

# PH3A8-30 PPL Dissertation

**20/21**

**Department**

Philosophy

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 3

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

30 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

The PPL dissertation offers a structured opportunity for independent learning on a topic of interdisciplinary relevance. It aims to encourage students to bridge the PPL disciplines. It is a particularly useful choice for students thinking of going on to graduate work, but it is also relevant for career destinations requiring skills in gathering and synthesising material.

### Module aims

The overall aim is to write a 10,000 dissertation on an interdisciplinary topic agreed between students and supervisors. The dissertation topic has to span at least two PPL disciplines.

### 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.

Students may choose their own subject.

### Learning outcomes

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

- Design and carry out a project involving research or a critical review in a chosen field at the interfaces of philosophy, politics, and law.
- Develop a deep knowledge of the chosen research topic
- Develop written communication skills
- Develop time-management skills in the establishment of a research and writing plan
- Develop research skills
- Develop IT skills in presenting the dissertation and using on-line resources while researching the topic.

### **Research element**

Students will be required to complete their own research on a subject of their choice.

### **Interdisciplinary**

The student's subject must combine at least two of the PPL disciplines.

### **Subject specific skills**

Researching and writing an original essay in an interdisciplinary topic.

### **Transferable skills**

Independent research and writing

## **Study**

### **Teaching split**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Philosophy	40%
Politics & International Studies	30%
School of Law	30%

### **Study time**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Required</b>
Project supervision	5 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Private study	295 hours (98%)
Total	300 hours

### **Private study description**

Independent research and writing.

## 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 A

	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Study time</b>
Dissertation	100%	

### Feedback on assessment

Regular supervision meetings to gain feedback on progress.

Written feedback on the final dissertation, explaining the mark that was given, will be provided through tabula.

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## Availability

### Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- LA402-30 Dissertation for Final Year Law (full course)
- LA403-15 Dissertation for Final Year Law (half course)
- LA404-30 Dissertation on Approved Joint Topic
- LA406-30 Dramatised Dissertation
- LA407-15 Dramatised Dissertation (Half Module)
- PH313-30 Dissertation
- PH353-15 Independent Project
- PO366-30 Dissertation

## Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 3 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
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