

# PS902-90 Research Project in Psychology

**20/21**

**Department**

Psychology

**Level**

Taught Postgraduate Level

**Module leader**

James Adelman

**Credit value**

90

**Module duration**

20 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

The aim of the project is to provide students with the opportunity to investigate and carry out novel research in the area of Psychology that is empirical.

### Module aims

The empirical (that is an experiment, computer program, survey or observational study) research should be physically safe and ethically acceptable, conform to the British Psychological Society Code of Conduct), and be practicable. The choice of topic is to be agreed between the student and a member of staff acting as supervisor, and is subject to course regulations and availability of supervision.

### 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.

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supervisor will advise the student in their completion of a piece of research that is timely, novel and methodologically sound in the agreed area of research (which may be subject to course regulations).

Students will review the literature, design the study as a whole, collect data and analyse data as appropriate for the area of research. The total amount of work will be comparable to three Warwick undergraduate third year projects, or a long multi-experiment paper.

## **Learning outcomes**

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

- Critically discuss past research and research methods in the chosen research area.
- Design informative novel studies, and prepare and plan data collection, in the chosen research area.
- Collect and analyse data to the standards of chosen research area.
- Report research to the standards of the chosen research area

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## **Subject specific skills**

Understanding of the requirements of ethical research practices

Understanding of a range of different research methods in psychological research

Ability to undertake empirical research

## **Transferable skills**

Effective communication of research

Analysis of data

Evaluation of past research

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## **Study**

## **Study time**

Type	Required
Project supervision	4 sessions of 10 hours (4%)
Private study	860 hours (96%)
Total	900 hours

## Private study description

Independent research activity (all types, including write-up), 860 hours

## 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	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Research project	100%		No
Reassessment component is the same			

## Feedback on assessment

Academic guidance forms

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## Availability

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- TPSS-C8P9 Postgraduate Taught Psychological Research
  - Year 1 of C8P9 Psychological Research
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