

PS215-15 Further Methods in Psychology

21/22

Department

Psychology

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

30% coursework, 70% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

An integrated approach to conceptual, design and practical statistical aspects of research methods in Psychology.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

The module will consolidate and extend your skills and understanding of issues in research methods that affect you as a producer (doing projects) and consumer (reading journal articles) of research.

Specific aims are:

- to prepare students to carry out psychology projects in their second and third year;
- to meet core training and accreditation requirements in psychology;
- to teach students how to analyse and present data; and
- to familiarise students with issues affecting the soundness of evidence in psychological 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.

Review of NHST incl. Power for simple case; Choosing tests and data screening; Counterbalancing, randomization and multi-trial-per-condition experiments; Extensions to >2 levels; Two-factor designs, moderation/interactions, simple effects; Higher-order designs; Correlation, regression, multiple regression; Data quality; extensions of regression; Qualitative Methods; Ethical issues

Learning outcomes

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

- to explore a data set and systematically test hypotheses about the data
- to evaluate the suitability of data for analyses and understand techniques to attenuate problems of data quality
- to present the results of data analysis clearly and concisely
- to understand methodological issues that affect internal validity
- to understand and discuss basic ethical considerations relating to psychological research
- to perform and report some qualitative analyses

Indicative reading list

Howell, D. C. (2008). *Fundamental statistics for the behavioral sciences* (6th ed.). Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth. (or a more recent edition of this text)

Brace, N., Kemp, R., & Snelgar, R. (2006). *SPSS for Psychologists*. (3rd Edition). New York: Palgrave MacMillan.

Howell, D. C. (2007). *Fundamental statistics for the behavioral sciences* (6th ed.). Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth.

Pallant, J. (2007). *SPSS survival manual*. Buckingham: Open University Press.

Tabachnick, B. G., and Fidell, L. S. (2006). *Using multivariate statistics* (5th Edition). Needham Heights, MA: Allyn & Bacon.

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

Subject specific skills

understanding of the principles of psychological research, different methods of research and the principles of qualitative methods.

Transferable skills

critical analysis, formulation and testing of hypotheses

written communication skills;
use of SPSS.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	2 sessions of 1 hour (1%)
Practical classes	8 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Assessment	122 hours (81%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Homeworks	10%	40 hours	Yes (waive)
Online homework worksheets for all lectures supported by practical classes, building towards the Final Test.			

Reassessment component is the same

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Qualitative assessment Group Work in groups of 4 or 5	20%	26 hours	Yes (extension)

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component

Online Examination In the same format as homework worksheets, but to be completed in a 2hr window.	70%	56 hours	No
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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Homework and test feedback will be composed of automated feedback for questions that can be marked automatically and written comments as appropriate for textual answers.

Otherwise, conventional feedback.

[Past exam papers for PS215](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

To take this module, you must have passed:

- All of
 - [PS113-12 Statistical Methods in Psychology](#)
 - [PS114-18 Research Methods in Psychology](#)

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of UPSA-C800 Undergraduate Psychology
- Year 2 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies
- Year 2 of UPSA-C802 Undergraduate Psychology with Linguistics