# PS929-60 DTC Social Science Research Dissertation

#### 23/24

**Department** 

**Psychology** 

Level

**Taught Postgraduate Level** 

Module leader

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Credit value

60

**Module duration** 

20 weeks

**Assessment** 

100% coursework

**Study location** 

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

## **Description**

## Introductory description

The aim of the project is to provide students with the opportunity to develop, investigate and carry out novel research within the field of Psychology.

#### Module aims

Students will design and conduct a piece of empirical work that addresses one or more current research questions under the supervision of a primary supervisor. The dissertation may take the form of a detailed PhD proposal plus a pilot study, analysis and write-up.

## **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.

Project meeting in Spring term with ongoing guidance and supervision January to July. During this time students will obtain ethical approval, carry out the project, meet with supervisor as required and write up the project.

## **Learning outcomes**

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

- The ability to formulate research questions showing rigour and scholarship in designing and carrying out a research project
- The ability to engage in critical reading and analysis of research accounts in both disciplinary and interdisciplinary contexts
- Competence at conducting an empirical investigation
- Competence at writing up the project in a professional scientific format

#### Research element

Projects must be:

- 1. Empirical (that is an experiment, computer program, survey or observational study);
- 2. Physically safe and ethically acceptable;
- 3. Practical in terms of demands on data sources, time, equipment, number of participants required and laboratory space.

The choice of topic is to be agreed between the student and their supervisor.

## Subject specific skills

Effective investigation and completion of novel research

#### Transferable skills

Formulating research question
Designing and running empirical work
Analysis and interpretation of results
Writing up the project in a standard format suitable for publication

## Study

## Study time

Type Required

Project supervision 30 sessions of 1 hour (5%)

Private study 570 hours (95%)

Total 600 hours

## **Private study description**

Independent research activity (all types, including write-up), 570 hours

#### **Costs**

No further costs have been identified for this module.

#### **Assessment**

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### **Assessment group A1**

Weighting Study time Eligible for self-certification

DTC Social Science Research Project 100% No.

#### Feedback on assessment

Formative feedback on an initial draft is provided by supervisors in a face-to-face meeting. Summative feedback is provided after the exam board.

## **Availability**

#### **Courses**

This module is Core for:

• Year 1 of TIMA-L981 Postgraduate Social Science Research