

PS903-15 Communication, Dissemination, and Professional Issues

24/25

Department

Psychology

Level

Taught Postgraduate Level

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

9 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

It is important for any postgraduate student embarking on a research career both within and beyond academia to receive training in communicating and disseminating their research findings to different audiences. They also need to understand the basics of grant writing, impact, commercialisation and working with the media as well as the nature of job interviews and how to best apply and succeed in these.

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Module aims

One aim of this course is to provide general skills in oral, visual, and written presentation. A further aim is to offer guidance to those intending to pursue an academic career in teaching and research in psychology, covering the funding, management, and exploitation of research, and general issues surrounding career development.

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.

The module will cover all aspects of communication in an academic and research focused environment, including conference presentations (posters and talks), publishing (abstracts, journal writing and peer reviewing), grant writing, understanding impact and commercial opportunities, working with the media and getting that first job.

Learning outcomes

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

- - Present their work at conferences in poster/spoken format
- - Communicate their work to a wider audience
- - Write about their work in different formats
- - Review the work of others
- - Begin to plan, manage and develop their future research career

Indicative reading list

- American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. <https://apastyle.apa.org/products/publication-manual-7th-edition>
- Beins, B. C., & Beins, A. M. (2008). Effective writing in psychology: Papers, posters, and presentations. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.
- Darley, J. M., Zanna, M. P., & Roediger III, H. L. (Eds.) (2004). The complete academic: A career guide (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Feldman, D. B., & Silvia, P. J. (2010). Public speaking for psychologists: A lighthearted guide to research presentations, job talks, and other opportunities to embarrass yourself. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Silvia, P. J. (2015). Write it up: Practical strategies for writing and publishing journal articles. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Sternberg, R. J. (Editor) (2000). Guide to publishing in psychology journals. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Sternberg, R. J. (2003). The psychologist's companion: A guide to scientific writing for students and researchers (4th ed.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Sternberg, R. J. (2017). Psychology 101 1/2: The unspoken rules for success in academia (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

Interdisciplinary

Many of the themes we are covering are relevant to other disciplines including attracting grants, the paper review process, presenting at conferences, applying for a job, commercial opportunities,

understanding impact and working with the media

International

Many of these topics -presenting at conferences, writing academic papers and reviewing these, understanding impact etc. have international relevance.

Subject specific skills

Media awareness to develop the public understanding of science
Awareness of the issues surrounding grant and funding applications
Understanding of funding, management, and exploitation of research, and general issues surrounding career development.

Transferable skills

Effective communication at conferences
Effective communication to a wider audience
Ability to successfully review the work of others

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	9 sessions of 2 hours (12%)
Seminars	(0%)
Private study	132 hours (88%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

private study and preparation for the 3 different types of assessments

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 A2

	Weighting	Study time
Poster presentation	33%	
Production of a conference-style poster and presentation of it		
Abstract assignment	33%	
Oral presentation	34%	

Feedback on assessment

Summative feedback: Written feedback is provided for each assessment.

Availability

Courses

Course availability information is based on the current academic year, so it may change.

This module is Optional for:

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