

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **6005PSEN** (119930)
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Owning School/Faculty: Education
Teaching School/Faculty: Education

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Academic Level: FHEQ6 **Credit Value:** 36 **Total Delivered Hours:** 4
Total Learning Hours: 360 **Private Study:** 356

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Online	4

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	6000 WORDS		85	
Report	1500 WORDS		15	

Aims

- 1.To enable the student to apply and develop further the skills involved in empirical investigative work in psychology.*
- 2.To enable the student to apply and develop further the ability to report an ethical empirical investigation in*

psychology in an orderly and well documented manner in simple, lucid and direct prose.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Conduct a literature search in the chosen area of interest.
- 2 Formulate a research study taking into account previous work in the area
- 3 Conduct an empirical investigation into the chosen area
- 4 Analyse the data obtained and interpret the data in the light of other research in the area
- 5 Write up the project following discipline specific conventions
- 6 Submit application for ethical approval of dissertation work to a recognised research ethics committee or panel

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

6000 WORD MAX	1	3	4	5
DISSERTATION				
RESEARCH PROPOSAL & ETHICS	2	6		

Outline Syllabus

The student devises and conducts a research project under supervision. The student attends a lecture in semester two of the year preceding registration for an introduction to the module. The student attends two lectures in semester one of the year of registration covering assessment issues, ethical issues and literature searching skills.

Learning Activities

1. Attend lecture
2. Meet with supervisor
3. Conduct a literature search
4. Draw up a research plan with a realistic time scale.
5. Conduct and write-up research project.
6. Complete application for ethical approval of dissertation work and submit it to a recognised research ethics committee or panel.

Notes

Students carry out an empirical investigation into a psychological area of their

choice. Students will be expected to meet with their supervisor for tutorials over the course of the module arranged by mutual agreement. Students will have opportunity to obtain feedback about the strengths and weaknesses of a draft copy of their dissertation report if they submit it by the agreed deadline.