

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **6007HUMPSY** (119496)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2012

Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 36.00
Total Delivered Hours: 124.00
Total Learning Hours: 360
Private Study: 236

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	4.000
Practical	105.000
Tutorial	15.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	Rpt	6,000 word max. Dissertation	85.0	
Report	Prop	1,500 word max. Research Proposal & Ethics Application	15.0	

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:

Empirical Project Report	1	3	4	5
Research Proposal & Ethics App	2	6		

Outline Syllabus

The student devises and conducts a research project under supervision. The student attends two lectures at the end of the summer semester covering assessment issues, ethical issues and literature searching skills. The student is assigned a project supervisor and they meet in August to discuss the ethics application and the details of data collection/analysis. On-line and email supervision will take place between September and December.

Learning Activities

1. Attend lecture
2. Regular contact 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.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Forshaw, M
Publishing Year	2004

Title	Your undergraduate psychology project: A BPS guide.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	BPS/Blackwell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Smyth, T. R.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	The principles of writing in psychology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Palgrave
ISBN	

Notes

This module is delivered primarily through distance-learning and supervision will be provided online. Students carry out an empirical investigation into a psychological area of their choice.

Students have the opportunity to obtain personal feedback on their performance over the course of the module .

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.