

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION

Status: Definitive

Code: **6500PSYSLI** (126275)

Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Psychology

Teaching School/Faculty: Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

Team	Leader
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Academic Level:	FHEQ6	Credit Value:	40	Total Delivered Hours:	124
Total Learning Hours:	400	Private Study:	276		

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Year Long & NS Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	4
Practical	105
Tutorial	15

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	Disser	Dissertation (6000 words)	85	
Report	Proposal	Research proposal (1500 words)	15	

Aims

This module aims to allow students to develop and independently apply their empirical research skills in their chosen area of psychology. They will explore, in depth, recent and relevant literature in their chosen field and use it to guide the design of a methodologically appropriate study to address a specific research question. They will independently analyse, report and critically evaluate their data using scientific language and conventions.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critique recent and relevant literature within a theoretical context.
- 2 Develop appropriate questions independently based on a critical review of recent and relevant literature.
- 3 Critically select appropriate methodology to address the research questions.
- 4 Critically appraise ethical issues in the procedure of the empirical study.
- 5 Independently interpret and evaluate empirical data with reference to the research questions.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation	1	4	5	
Proposal	1	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

The student devises and conducts a research project under supervision.

Learning Activities

Attend lectures.

Meet regularly with supervisor.

Conduct a literature search.

Draw up a research plan with a realistic time scale.

Conduct and write-up research project.

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 attend two lectures covering assessment issues, ethical issues and literature searching skills. Students are expected to spend 105 hours in the preparation of their research proposal, ethics draft, draft dissertation and final dissertation. Students are expected to meet with their supervisor for up to 15 hours maximum of tutorials over the course of the module arranged by mutual agreement. These will be on a group and/or one-to-one basis. Students will have the 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.