

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6501PSYWUC** (128537)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Psychology  
Teaching School/Faculty: Westford University College

| 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: Non Standard Year Long

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture   | 4             |
| Practical | 100           |
| Tutorial  | 20            |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

| Category     | Short Description | Description                 | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dissertation | Disser            | 6000 Word Dissertation      | 85            |               |
| Report       | Proposal          | 1500 Word Research Proposal | 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. 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**

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 will be expected to meet with their supervisor for up to 15 hours maximum of 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.