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AIM(S)

- To provide students with the opportunity to engage in a substantial self-managed research project in a field of study within psychology.
- To build on the scientific skills, psychological concepts and techniques developed in previous modules, and for students to demonstrate the ability to direct their own studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- critically evaluate selected key theories and research findings within their chosen area of study;
- apply scientific research and evaluation skills, within ethical codes, to develop a hypothesis, design and appropriate research methodology; gather and subsequently analyse and interpret data and report findings in an appropriate manner;
- critically analyse research data or literature and draw out the implications of findings compared with other empirical evidence in their chosen area;
- demonstrate an appreciation of the complexity of psychological research processes and demonstrate the ability to reflect critically about the process of carrying out their own study;
- organise their knowledge and learning through the use of a range of information resources, and present their work at the appropriate level.

CONTENT

- Identifying an appropriate topic of study within their chosen area.
- Developing a workable hypothesis and design an appropriate research project.
- Linking theoretical aspects of research foci: literature and research questions.
- Addressing ethical issues in collecting data.
- Use of appropriate analysis techniques to evaluate data.
- Draft a dissertation in an approved manner, presenting a critical account of findings against an identified body of literature.

ASSESSMENT

Course Work 100%

Research Proposal and Reflective Participation Log (1000 words) 10%

Submitted dissertation (10,000 words) 80%

Presentation (of their research) (10 minutes) 10%

The title and focus of the dissertation will be decided through discussion between student and tutor, and should enable the student to draw on the previous two years' study in relevant fields.