

DISSERTATION

Presentation Information and Guidance



Module Learning Outcomes

- Generate appropriate hypotheses and research questions
- Use evidence-based reasoning to explore relevant practical, theoretical and ethical issues associated with a specific research question.
- Carry out an empirical study involving primary data collection using appropriate tools
- Analyse data using appropriate quantitative and/or qualitative methods
- Present research findings appropriately

Presentation Guidance

- You will be required to prepare and present a ten minute individual presentation
- You will be assessed on your:
 - Presentation skills
 - Engagement
 - Understanding of your dissertation
- Presentations must be oral and supported by PowerPoint slides
- The presentation is worth 25% of the overall module mark

Presentation Guidance

- You must present an overview of your dissertation based on the main chapters of your dissertation
- The sub-headings below may be useful for structuring your PowerPoint slides:
 - Background to the study (literature and theory informing your research question)
 - Research question/hypotheses
 - Methods (participants, design, materials, procedure)
 - Results/main findings
 - Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations
 - Researcher Reflections

Presentation Guidance

- Make sure to include a title slide at the beginning of the PowerPoint presentation
- This should include:
 - The title of your dissertation
 - Your name
 - Your student number
 - Name of your degree programme

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- The presentation slides must be professionally produced
- It must cover all aspects of your dissertation
- You can use notes to guide your presentation but you will be marked on engagement with audience and presentation style
- You will need to reflect upon the research process, including what you have learnt, recognising issues and potential ways to address these

Presentation Guidance

- Make use of feedback you have received from other presentations you have completed throughout your degree.
- Remember the basic elements of giving a presentation, such as...
 - Speaking loudly, clearly, and slowly enough for the audience to understand you
 - Ensure writing on slides is big enough for the audience to read
 - Ensure slides are not too crammed with long sentences/paragraphs
 - They should just contain a few bullet points

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- You can use visual aids **BUT ONLY** if they are pertinent to the presentation.
- You can include examples of any images, words, other materials you used when discussing your methods
- You can include tables/charts to present your findings
 - **As long as you also provide a verbal description/explanation of what it shows**
- You can include the outcomes from your statistical analyses
 - e.g., $F(1, 88) = 12.45, p < .05$
 - However, you **must** then also verbally explain what this means/shows

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- You should include citations on your slides
 - Particularly in the sections on...
 - Background to the study (literature and theory)
 - The method section if you used a particular questionnaire, or sourced stimuli from a specific author/paper, etc.
 - In the discussion section (support/contradicting previous research/theories)
- You should also include a slide at the end of your presentation with a reference list of all the references you used in the presentation
 - **NOT** all the references used in the dissertation

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- There is no set number on how many slides you should include.
 - However, as a rough estimate – no less than six and no more than about twelve (including title slide and references slide).
- Given that you only have ten minutes, it is vital that you work on being succinct/concise while ensuring key details/information for the audience to understand what you did for your dissertation is not missing.
 - Your ability to explain all the key elements of your dissertation in a clear and comprehensible manner while keeping to time will be assessed.
- **So, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!!**

Presentation Information

- All students must video record themselves giving the presentation.
- The recorded presentation should then be uploaded to OneDrive and shared with the module lead.
- The presentation Slides should be submitted to the TurnItIn portal on Moodle.
- See Presentation Recording and Uploading guidance document on Moodle for further information on how to do this.

Presentation Information

- The marking criteria is attached to the end of the presentation proforma (available on Moodle)
- You should study this carefully to ensure you are clear on what is required to achieve a specific mark.
- The two members of academic staff marking the presentation will use this criteria when deciding upon the overall mark.

Presentation Submission

- Your presentation slides must be submitted to the TurnItIn portal on the module Moodle page by no later than 12:00pm (Midday) on Monday 18th May.
- The video recording of your presentation must also be uploaded to OneDrive **AND SHARED** with the Module lead (Dr Kate Williams) by no later than 12:00pm (Midday) on Monday 18th May.
- A late submission will result in a capped mark of 40% for the presentation element.

Presentation Submission

- There is a draft and a final presentation slides portal available on the module Moodle page.
 - Ensure to submit to the draft portal in plenty of time to check for plagiarism
 - Ensure to then submit the final presentation to the final TurnItIn portal by the deadline
- If you experience issues uploading the slides to TurnItIn or uploading the recording to OneDrive, please email them to your supervisor and the module lead before the deadline.