

Course Outline (Higher Education)

School:	School of Health and Life Sciences
Course Title:	DISSERTATION B
Course ID:	PSYCM7116
Credit Points:	30.00
Prerequisite(s):	(PSYCM7115)
Co-requisite(s):	Nil
Exclusion(s):	Nil
ASCED:	000000
Grade Scheme:	Graded (HD, D, C, etc.)

Supplementary Assessment: Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the course but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above and submitted all major assessment tasks..

Level: Advanced

Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Detailed knowledge of the chosen area
- K2.** Understanding of design and analytical techniques
- K3.** Thorough grasp of reporting styles and formats

Skills:

- S1.** search catalogue and data bases and select relevant material
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- S3.** use existing research to develop aims and hypotheses
- S4.** consider practical and ethical issues when doing research
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- S6.** report research findings in a conventional manner

Course Content:

The student will read seminal texts in the area as well as an exhaustive range of journal articles on the chosen topic. Attendance at conferences, seminars and research colloquia as well as subscription to relevant internet discussion groups may be used to supplement standard publication material.

Under supervision, students will absorb and integrate this psychological knowledge, which will be elaborated in an oral presentation and written research proposal, and result in the development of a series of testable hypotheses.

These hypotheses will be examined in experimental, quasi-experimental, or qualitative research and, based on this research, students will produce a final report, in journal style format.

Values:

- V1.** the importance of independence and initiative
- V2.** new ideas
- V3.** the need for application and diligence
- V4.** effective relationships with supervisors and colleagues
- V5.** advice and criticism
- V6.** robust, systematic argument, backed by scientific evidence.
- V7.** due consideration for participants
- V8.** ethical research
- V9.** the importance of disseminating understanding throughout the wider community

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Learning Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
Gathering and analysing data	Set tasks carried out satisfactorily in supervisor's judgement		U/S
The final report will be presented for examination as an extended journal article using the format indicated in the current Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. The introduction will comprise an extended literature review that leads to a series of testable hypotheses. The remaining method, results and discussion sections will conform to the usual journal format in both content and style.	Written dissertation (5000 to 6,000 words words)		100%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA