

Module Details	
Module Title	Dissertation
Module Code	PES7040-E
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	60
School	School of Social Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Project Supervision	6
Practical Classes or Workshops	12
Directed Study	582

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Full Year
BDA	University of Bradford / Non Standard Year

Module Aims
To enable the development and demonstration of advanced knowledge and skills relevant to the student's programme of study, through the design and execution of a major self-directed dissertation project.
To provide a supportive learning environment that encourages sustained, critical inquiry into relevant subjects, and the effective completion of a time-limited project.

Outline Syllabus
N/A

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Design a self-directed research project that explores and provides informed, well-supported answers to questions relevant to your MA or MSc programme
02	Design a methodology that will allow you to answer your research questions. This will include consideration of any ethical issues that might arise in the execution of the project and seek relevant ethical approval through the Department.
03	Demonstrate sustained and critical engagement with academic research, evidence and other appropriate sources that are relevant to your project.
04	Communicate your questions, methodology, findings and arguments clearly in writing.
05	Demonstrate relevant professional skills and attributes in the process of designing and carrying out a major project under academic supervision.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>Most of your work for this module will be self-directed and independent. There will be organised sessions to support students in understanding the process of developing and completing a postgraduate dissertation, and in developing your research literacy and skills. Individual supervision will provide guidance on the key stages of work, from the development of a relevant topic and research focus and the drafting of the dissertation text.</p> <p>The precise format of your dissertation will depend on the nature of your research and the chosen methodology. Each project will, however, include a clear articulation of research questions and objectives, evidence of critical engagement with relevant literature, a discussion of methodological issues (including a consideration of ethical questions where appropriate), and effective discussion and analysis leading to clear, supported conclusions. Your work should demonstrate your achievement of the module learning outcomes and this will be the main focus of assessment.</p> <p>The methodology appropriate to your research will be negotiated with your supervisor. Appropriate ethics approval must be obtained in accordance with the Department's ethics approval process.</p> <p>The module will be assessed through the submission of a portfolio of work. The main element of this will be the dissertation itself - a major piece of writing (14,000 words). The portfolio will also contain evidence of the process through which the dissertation was authentically developed and realised by the student. This will be specified in the Canvas module, but is likely to include a research proposal, ethics approval, evidence of engagement with supervision, and evidence of authenticity.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Portfolio/e-portfolio	A portfolio of work, including a 14,000 word dissertation plus evidence of research, writing and supervision process	100%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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