

Module Code:	HLT617
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Module Title:	Dissertation in Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing
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Level:	6	Credit Value:	40
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Cost Centre(s):	GANG	<u>JACS3 code:</u>	B900
		<u>HECoS code:</u>	100473

Faculty	Social and Life Sciences	Module Leader:	Dr Sharon Wheeler
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Scheduled learning and teaching hours	20 hrs
Guided independent study	380 hrs
Placement	0 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	400 hrs

Programme(s) in which to be offered (not including exit awards)	Core	Option
BSc (Hons) Public Health and Wellbeing	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSc (Hons) Mental Health and Wellbeing	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pre-requisites
None

Office use only

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Date and details of revision:

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Module Aims

This module will give students the opportunity to undertake a research project in an area of personal interest related to their subject of study. The research project will draw upon either primary or secondary data depending upon the nature of their topic area. Through the module, students will gain in-depth knowledge and understanding of their topic area, as well as how to undertake research and disseminate it in an appropriate format.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Key skills for employability

- KS1 Written, oral and media communication skills
- KS2 Leadership, team working and networking skills
- KS3 Opportunity, creativity and problem solving skills
- KS4 Information technology skills and digital literacy
- KS5 Information management skills
- KS6 Research skills
- KS7 Intercultural and sustainability skills
- KS8 Career management skills
- KS9 Learning to learn (managing personal and professional development, self-management)
- KS10 Numeracy

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1	Select an appropriate issue to research underpinned by a clear rationale.	KS1	KS3
		KS6	KS9
2	Use an appropriate method to collect either primary or secondary data that address the research issue/questions.	KS3	KS5
		KS6	KS9
3	Analyse and interpret the data collected, discussing the findings in relation to existing knowledge.	KS5	KS6
		KS9	KS10
4	Disseminate the research in an appropriate written format.	KS1	KS6
		KS8	KS9
5	Explain and defend the research to an appropriate audience.	KS1	KS5
		KS9	

Transferable skills and other attributes

Students will develop important independent study skills.

Derogations

None

Assessment:

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

The assessment will be one of the following extended pieces of work agreed between the student and their dissertation supervisor, along with an oral assessment:

- Systematic review of literature disseminated in a report format.
- Original piece of research disseminated in a journal article format*.

*Students undertaking original research will be required to obtain ethical approval for their project prior to collecting any data and this will not be included in their word count.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)	Duration or Word count (or equivalent if appropriate)
1	1,2,3,4	Dissertation	80	6,000 words
2	5	Oral Assessment	20	10 minutes

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

The 20 scheduled learning and teaching hours will be broken down as follows:

- 12 hours of interactive class lectures
- Up to 8 hours of supervision in the form of group and 1-to-1 tutorials.

Syllabus outline:

Dissertation process and guidelines
Collecting primary and secondary data
Reviewing literature
Writing up a dissertation

Indicative Bibliography:
Essential reading
<p>Booth, A., Sutton, A. and Papaioannou, D. (2016), <i>Systematic Approaches to a Successful Literature Review</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>Bowling, A. (2014), <i>Research Methods in Health: Investigating Health and Health Services</i>. Berkshire: Open University Press.</p> <p>Bryman, A. (2016), <i>Social Research Methods</i>. 5th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p>
Other indicative reading
<p>Greenhalgh, T. (2019), <i>How to Read a Paper: The Basics of Evidence-based Medicine and Healthcare</i>. Chichester: John Wiley and Sons Ltd.</p>