

## Psychology - TSM Subject SS Dissertation Requirements & Information

TSM SUBJECT	Psychology
Item	Information Required
<b>GENERAL and PREPARATION</b>	
Pattern A:	N/A
Pattern B:	Compulsory
Prerequisite Modules required:	Full degree students will have taken a number of compulsory preparatory modules in research methods during the previous 3 years.
Dissertation Module Title and code:	Project; PS 4014
Credit Weighting:	20
Topic:	Selected by student, though may be suggested by supervisor
Supervisors – How are these assigned?	Chosen by student where possible or assigned by School if chosen supervisor overcommitted
When are supervisors agreed?	End of JS year
JS or Vacation Period study required:	Not required though may be advantageous
Proposal Required:	Yes (in form of research ethics application)
Proposal Submission Date:	Various deadlines for ethics applications (one in early Oct; one in early Nov, and others later)
Proposal guidelines available:	Yes; in School of Psychology undergraduate Handbook, available in hardcopy and online
Plagiarism Regulations available:	Yes; in School of Psychology undergraduate Handbook, available in hardcopy and online
<b>DURING</b>	
Word Count: Minimum and Maximum, where applicable:	Max 6,000
Word Count Pattern A (if Different) Minimum and Maximum, where applicable:	N/A
Dissertation Guidelines available:	Yes; in School of Psychology undergraduate Handbook available in hardcopy and online ( <a href="https://psychology.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/Undergrad%20Handbook%202015-16%20Corrected%20December%202015.pdf">https://psychology.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/Undergrad%20Handbook%202015-16%20Corrected%20December%202015.pdf</a> )
Presentation(s) Required:	Poster presentation made approximately two weeks after submission of the dissertation.
Supervisors - Availability and Meetings with supervisors, recommended number and frequency etc, or minimum required level of interaction:	Supervision meetings are arranged individually between the student and supervisors, and will vary depending upon the specific project and upon the stage of the project. Typically, supervision will happen with face-to-face meetings at least monthly (more frequently in the early stages), and by electronic communication in between.
Feedback – method and frequency:	Feedback is given to the student during meetings, but supervisors do not read or correct drafts of the project prior to submission. The dissertation is expected to be entirely the student’s own work and not a collaborative effort of the student and supervisor.
Advice on timeline/structure of study for completion:	Yes; in handbook (available in hardcopy and online)and given in class in PS4009 early in MT
Additional Requirements (if any):	None
<b>COMPLETION AND ASSESSMENT</b>	
Submission Date:	3 p.m. on Monday of week 8 Hilary term
Submission method:	Turnitin: may be used at random

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	2 hard copies + electronic copy, plus copy of data collected
Penalties for Late Submission:	Failure (similar to absence from written exams)
Penalties for exceeding word count:	If the word count is above 6,000 this may lead to a reduced mark
Penalties for not meeting minimum word count:	No minimum word count
Penalties Other:	N/A
Assessment criteria availability:	Yes; in School of Psychology undergraduate Handbook, available in hardcopy and online
Who assesses the dissertation?	Supervisor + one other staff member + 3 <sup>rd</sup> staff member if more than a class difference in marks allocated by first two markers
External Examiner role:	Assess / moderate
Viva Voce / Oral examination:	N/A
Is Passing the Dissertation module required in order to pass the year?	No
Can the module be passed by compensation or aggregation?	Yes