

Dissertation

Module Code:	PES7040-E
Academic Year:	2018-19
Credit Rating:	60
School:	Division of Peace Studies and International Development
Subject Area:	Peace Studies
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)

Pre-requisites:

Co-requisites:

Contact Hours

Type	Hours
Seminar	10
Project supervision	5
Directed Study	585

Availability Periods

Occurrence	Location/Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 3 (June - Oct)

Module Aims

To give you the opportunity to design and execute a self-directed research project of their choice.

To provide a supportive learning environment that encourages peer support, sharing of ideas and formative feedback at different stages of the process.

Outline Syllabus

Introduction to different approaches to research, including action research and autoethnography; individual planning supported by supervisors and peers; sessions designed to bring you together with your fellow students for formative peer feedback on work in progress; independent study with support from supervisor.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to...

- 1 Design a self-directed research project that explores questions relevant to your MA programme.
- 2 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.
- 3 Demonstrate serious and critical engagement with academic research, literature and other appropriate sources that are relevant to your project.
- 4 Communicate your questions, methodology, findings and arguments clearly in writing.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Most of your work for this module will be self-directed and independent. The module will, however, provide a supportive structure, atmosphere and learning community for this work, with group sessions at key points in the process, one-to-one supervision, and mechanisms for peer feedback.

The precise format of your dissertation will depend on the nature of your project and the chosen methodology. Each project will, however, include a clear articulation of research questions and objectives, critical engagement with relevant literature, a discussion of methodological issues (including a consideration of ethical questions where appropriate), and a presentation of outcomes. You will be expected to demonstrate your achievement of the learning outcomes detailed below. The methodology appropriate to your research will be negotiated with your supervisor.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting	Final Assess'
Summative	Dissertation or Project Report	Dissertation	14000-15000 words	100%	Yes
Formative	Coursework	Initial project proposal		%	No
Formative	Coursework	Feedback to peers on their project proposals		%	No
Formative	Coursework	Response to feedback from peers and supervisors		%	No

Legacy Code (if applicable)

Reading List

To view Reading List, please go to [rebus:list](#).