

Module Details	
Module Title	Dissertation (MSc HRM)
Module Code	MAL7503-E
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	60
School	School of Management
Subject Area	Management and Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	12
Tutorials	12
Directed Study	576

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Non-Standard Academic Year
BDB	University of Bradford / Non-Standard Academic Year

Module Aims
This module provides the opportunity for learners to demonstrate the ability to diagnose and investigate a live, complex business issue from an HR perspective, to locate the work within the body of contemporary theoretical and practice knowledge, to collect and analyse data, to derive supportable conclusions and to make practical and actionable recommendations for change, improvement or enhancement of current practice. It requires reflection on the implications for professional practice from an ethical, professional and continuous professional development standpoint.

Outline Syllabus

1. Identify and justify a business issue that is of strategic relevance to the organisation. 2. Critically analyse and discuss existing literature, contemporary HR policy and practice relevant to the chosen issue; 3. Compare and contrast the relative merits of different research methods and their relevance to different situations, referring to philosophical and methodological literature. 4. Undertake a systematic analysis of quantitative and/or qualitative information and present the results in a clear and consistent format. 5. Draw realistic and appropriate conclusions and make recommendations based on costed options. 6. Develop and present an applied dissertation to include the above elements. 7. Write a reflective account of what has been learned during the project and how this can be applied in the future.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
1	a) Define a focused research topic and specify research objectives and questions. b) Demonstrate an understanding of Research methods and the appropriate use of different research methodologies c) Develop a research framework and Model
2	a) Demonstrate skills in both qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis techniques. b) Write a research proposal.
3	a. demonstrate a breadth of knowledge in human resource management b. have deepened your knowledge and understanding of a particular topic in human resource management c. understand how to undertake original research in a chosen area of human resource management d. demonstrate practical application of knowledge of the effectiveness of the various topics covered in the taught courses.
4	a. recognise and formulate innovative or revised approaches to business and management practice; b. formulate strategies for successful research c. demonstrate research, analysis and synthesis in an area of human resource management d. propose a well justified implementation of ideas which meets prevailing ethical and organisational demands. e. have developed skills for investigating a specific methodology chosen for your work.
5	a. skills of inquiry, logical reasoning and analysis in addressing a specific issue; b. organisational skills to manage large, complex tasks; c. independent project management skills - time management, scope definition, prioritising and scheduling, meeting deadlines; d. quantitative and qualitative idea definition and development; e. communication skills through having expressed your ideas and arguments in a clear and unambiguous manner.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Research proposal of 3000 words which is also included in the dissertation as an appendix. Maximum 12,000 word dissertation including literature review, methodology, data description, analysis, results and conclusion; but excluding references and appendices; plus a CIPD report of 5000 words. The dissertation will also include the original research proposal (as an appendix).

Mode of Assessment				
Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Research Proposal 3000 words	N/A	20%
Summative	Dissertation or Project Report	Dissertation (12000 words)	N/A	80%
Referral	Dissertation or Project Report	Dissertation (12000 words) and CIPD Report (5000 words) plus Research proposal)	N/A	100%

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

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