

# Dissertation

FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING IN SEMESTER TWO

These modules will give you the experience of substantial, individual and original intellectual inquiry and the opportunity to further develop the range of research skills and specialist knowledge acquired in the mandatory and optional modules of the Masters programme.

The form of the dissertation will be guided by the amount of credit awarded and the timescale for completion of the module. It is therefore likely that for the 40 CAT point module – MSAP4005 – students will undertake a literature based investigation. This may include (but is not confined to): a theoretical dissertation; literature review or an evidence-based review.

Whilst for the 60 CAT point module – MSAP4006 – it is expected that students will undertake an original practical investigation, such as a service evaluation, audit or empirical research wherever possible.

You will be expected to attend the briefing session and present your work in progress to your supervisor, module leader and your fellow students on the 'Student Conference Day'.

## Assessment:

MSAP4005	10,000 word dissertation
MSAP4006	15,000 word dissertation

**Proposal procedure:** You will be required to submit a proposal for your study at the end of the semester preceding that in which you wish to begin the dissertation. You should therefore contact the module leader, preferably early during the semester before starting your dissertation. The module leader will provide you with the module guide and arrange an informal meeting to discuss your topic. You will be allocated a supervisor to assist you with both the proposal and your dissertation. \*

September – October 2018: Contact module leader

October – December 2018: Submit a draft of your proposal to your supervisor on the correct form for feedback and refine it.

8 January 2019: Submit final proposal to supervisor and module leader for approval by 8 January 2019. Apply for UW ethical approval if required.

1 February 2019: Register for, and commence the dissertation module.

December 2019: Submit Dissertation

**\*Ethical and R&D Approval in the NHS** – All projects will require Ethical Approval from UW and R&D approval from the Trust where the study takes place. You may need to get your R&D approval via IRAS (Integrated Research Administration System); you should allow at least three months for this. Students doing research (not service evaluations or audits) with patients in the NHS will, in addition, require NHS ethical approval. This is also applied for through IRAS and you should allow at least 12 months for this process; in this case you should contact the module leader no less than 15 months before registration.

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## MSAP4005/4006

### Module Leader

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### Credits

MSAP4005	2 modules	40 CAT points
MSAP4006	3 modules	60 CAT points

### Dates

You must be registered for the dissertation by 1 February. Your proposal should have been agreed well before this date if you have followed the correct procedure. You may begin your research as soon as your proposal is approved. Dissertations must be completed within one year. You will usually submit your dissertation in December.

### MAP Dissertation proposal writing workshop – contact module leader for venue

18 October 2018 – 13:30 – 16:00

### SEMESTER TWO 2018-19 Session

#### Briefing Session

24 January 2019 - 09:30-11:30

#### Mandatory Formative Assessment: Student Conference Day

9 May 2019 - 09:00-17:30

### To enrol or to check availability

Please contact Registry Admissions, Team C on tel: 01905 855111 or e-mail: [admissions@worc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@worc.ac.uk)

Some modules may be funded by the NHS and therefore you may need to complete 2 application forms:

- A University of Worcester Application Form
- Study Leave Form

### Study Leave Form

All students employed by a Worcestershire NHS Trust or Wye Valley NHS Trust have to complete a study leave form (or equivalent) if they want (a) to study in works time, or (b) want the Trust to fund or part fund the course, or both. Please ensure that funding for your study leave has been authorised by the Education lead for your Trust, before submitting your application, together with your study leave form.

### General Module Enquiries

Please contact:  
Allied Health and Social Sciences Administrator on tel: 01905 542224 or e-mail: [cpdinfo@worc.ac.uk](mailto:cpdinfo@worc.ac.uk)

### Further Information

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