MODULE **DESCRIPTOR**

MODULE TITLE	Advanced Forensic Psychology Project		
MODULE CODE	PS4980 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	40 / 20 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE		

MODULE **AIMS**

This module aims to:
1. Develop students' skills in conducting an independent piece of research in an area of forensic psychology which particularly interests them.
2. Enable students to demonstrate that they can synthesize knowledge and skills developed in the other M.Sc. Forensic Psychology modules, and apply them to a piece of research.
3. Allow students to demonstrate that they can design a research project, carry out data collection and analyses, and interpret the results of this project.

MODULE **CONTENT**

Students will be expected to take a major responsibility for designing, conducting, analysing and interpreting the results of a substantial empirical investigation that will make a contribution to the discipline.

INTENDED **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Formulate and apply appropriate research strategies, and critically evaluate the findings of their own and others research.
2. Effectively conduct a substantive piece of individual empirical research.
3. Select and employ appropriate analytical techniques.
4. Appreciate the theoretical and methodological issues associated with the chosen area of research.
5. Synthesize relevant research literature.
6. Consider and address the ethical issues pertinent to the chosen project.
7. Present work in an appropriate written style, demonstrating a thorough background understanding, a rigorous experimental approach, an extensive analysis, and drawing realistic and reliable conclusions.

TEACHING METHODS

The module will be delivered through independent learning. Tutorial support will be provided, but students must design and conduct their own research project, along with analysing and interpreting the results.

Weekly: Students are given one-to-one supervision whilst conducting the research project. Students are expected to see their supervisor most frequently during the design and analysis stages, although an appointment can be made at any time. This is usually from weekly to monthly, depending on the stage of the study. This will tend to average out to one hour per week.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a dissertation (100%).