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Module aims

Experimental designs in psychology typically employ statistical analyses such as analysis of variance, factor analysis and regression. The aim of this module is to make these topics more accessible through the use of practical examples and data collection on a self-directed group research project.

Module Content

The module's overall aim is to offer a supportive and intellectually rigorous environment allowing students to develop highly valuable, transferrable research and collaboration skills in the context of undertaking a group research project.

This module teaches fundamental empirical research techniques within the framework of Open Science and reproducibility, promoting best practice in study design, Open Materials and Data, and methodological practice. This module fully immerses students in the Goldsmiths 'community of practice,' providing structured research support and opportunities to reflect on learning, modelling the key milestones of the final year dissertation.

The module seeks to promote the application of a scientific, intellectually virtuous, research-based approach to any and all future endeavours, and integrates metacognitive and reflective practices to deliver this transformative learning towards academic and personal development.

Over the course of two terms students will follow a programme of lectures introducing a critical approach to psychological research, as well as how such skills can be transferred beyond psychology; across academic disciplines and into the everyday world, with extensive use of case studies and problem-based learning.

Structured weekly labs will enable students to work collaboratively to identify an area of research, critically evaluate current research in the area, and develop a modest research project building on these insights.

Students will work together, alongside lab tutors and researchers in the department, to design and deliver the research project, including obtaining ethical approval, data collection and analysis, then interpreting and writing up the results, and sharing the materials and data in line with Open Science best practices in the Psychological, Behavioural and Data Sciences.

Module Learning Outcomes

1. Show a critical understanding of research design and methodology
2. Design, conduct, analyse, interpret and disseminate a psychological research project
3. Understand the conceptual and historical issues concerned with psychology as a science and area of practical application
4. Demonstrate valuable time-management and collaborative project-management skills and proficiencies
5. Reflect on their own learning, skill development and metacognition, preparing them for the final year dissertation

6. be able to use R to analyse: regression, correlations, reliability and validity, effect sizes, one-way within and between subjects designs (and post-hocs), two-way within, between and mixed designs; and factor analysis
7. Be able to present reproducible, APA format literate-programmed research reports.

Assessment

Assessment Element	Length	%	F or S	LO Tested
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Reading and Resource List

We have a custom made textbook to support key study skills throughout your degree: