

# Dublin City University

## Open Education

### Bachelor of Science/Diploma in Information Technology and Bachelor of Science/Diploma in Management of IT/IS

Module:	Human Science A (HSA)
Assignment:	4

Assignment	Element	%	Submission Date	Submit to:
4	Online contributions	8%	Ongoing and on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018 in a single document for assessment	Loop Forums and drop box

#### Online contributions – Weeks 16 – 30 (01<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018 – 09<sup>th</sup> Apr 2018)

While students are expected to carry out a piece of independent research, Loop will be used to provide a supportive environment, where students engage with each other, construct a community of learning, and develop their team working and communication skills. Students actively engage on Loop by asking for help and advice, responding to other students' requests for help and advice, and by making observations on each other's progress reports. Supervisors will monitor these discussions and provide support where necessary/appropriate.

A minimum of **four original postings** and **four pieces of feedback to fellow students** (8 in total) must be made

#### **Original postings**

You should create a thread on the "Online Contributions Term 2 (Assignment 4)" Forum on Loop for your own postings. Progress reports on work done on the research project should be posted up on your thread starting Monday 01<sup>st</sup> January. All discussions relating to that dissertation should take place within the same discussion thread. A total of four original postings should be made over this period. Try and post these regularly (e.g. every fortnight) to ensure that discussions can be maintained.

Progress reports, which should be at least 100 words (but no more than 300 words) in length, should reflect on:

- What has been achieved in the last week
- Any problems or issues which have arisen and how these have been handled
- Any questions or advice needed
- Plans for next step(s)
- Any other issues

#### **Feedback to other students**

To ensure active engagement, all students are expected to make regular online contributions (e.g., comments on other students' progress reports, feedback on proposed survey methods/questions, advice on how to overcome difficulties encountered etc.). Marks will be given for high-quality constructive contributions on Loop forums. A total of four posts with feedback to other students should be made over this period. It is envisaged that contributions will include:

- Questions about academic writing, data collection, data analysis etc.
- Feedback and advice to other students
- General comments on the research process.

Format for Portfolio: As you contribute to the online discussions/debates you should keep a separate record of those contributions so that you can include them for submission at the end of the term. These should be compiled in a word document, in chronological order. You should divide them into 'original progress posts' and 'posts made to other students'. Make sure each post is clearly dated

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**Please ensure you cite and reference any sources you use correctly**

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