

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:	1

Assignment	Element	%	Submission Date	Submit to:
1	Online activities	8%	Weekly weeks 7 – 12 and all together on 2 nd January 2018	Loop forums and drop box

Contribution to Online Activities – Weeks 7-12 (30th October 2017 – 10th Dec 2017)

This task involves engaging in online activities, typically discussions focusing on various aspects of the research process and dissertation construction with fellow students and supervisors, in order to acquire a better understanding of research. Peer learning (where students learn from each other and/or aid each other in their learning) is an extremely important element of higher education, just as joining and participating in professional networks or communities is an important element of being a social scientist.

A core part of the online activity is structured feedback on research proposals and literature review. Each week, up to 10th December, you should make at least one posting on your progress. It should be no less than 100 words. Some weeks it may be a summary of some papers that you have read. Some weeks it may be a description of a problem you are having. On at least two of the weeks, it must be a draft of the current state of your literature review i.e. week beginning 6th November and week beginning 27th November.

You should also give at least two pieces of constructive feedback each week (min. 50 words). Ideally these will lead to constructive discussions but that is really up to you.

Students will participate in online discussions/activities on a regular basis. The frequency and quality of each student's contribution to Loop forum discussions will be monitored and marks awarded accordingly. Students are invited to make constructive observations on other student's research outlines and on their literature review postings. Contributions should be critically constructive and to the point.

The guidelines for online communication, in the IT Course Handbook, should be reviewed before making online contributions.

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.

**Before submitting an assignment please ensure you have read the Assignment Regulations
Section of the Course Handbook**

**Please ensure your file is correctly named e.g. for HSA Assignment 1:
HSA_A1_2017_StevenStudent.docx**

Please ensure that you have correctly cited and referenced sources used in the assignment.

**Remember to keep a backup copy of your assignment (e.g. you could use [Google Drive Offline](#)
for this)**