
Research project T802

Presentation pattern *October to October*
February to April

Module tutor role

You will guide the student in their chosen research area and discuss the various elements of the research and dissertation. You will encourage the student to think and reason for her/himself and assist with the development of critical skills needed at this level. You will provide support and prompt and constructive feedback during development of the research proposal, mark and comment on the three assignments submitted, give telephone/electronic tuition to individual students and mark and grade the final dissertation.

Additional information

This module uses the University's email and online forum system. The software and instructions for use are included with the module materials. This module uses IBM or IBM compatible personal computers. The programme has a policy of continual updating, but the current minimum specification is:

- Pentium 166 MHz processor
- 16 MB RAM
- 2 GB hard disk

All modules require you to have an ISP account and access to a pc.

Module description

This research course enables students to gain an MSc by building on the postgraduate diploma that they already hold. Students start by developing a detailed research proposal based on a subject area appropriate to their previous study and the MSc they are studying towards. Once their proposal has been approved, they continue with the research itself, finally writing up and submitting their dissertation. Support is available to them at every stage, via online forums, email and telephone.

Person specification

The person specification for this course should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- Academic and experiential knowledge at postgraduate level in an area relevant to one or more of the T802 constituent MSc programmes: Systems Thinking in Practice, Advanced Networking, Technology management, Environmental management, Computing, Computing (Software Engineering), Computing (Information Security and Forensics) or Engineering. Your knowledge and experience may have been gained in an industrial, public or private service sector, NGO, or academic context and needs to cover equivalent knowledge to at least one of the taught modules in at least one of the postgraduate diplomas.
- ability to direct and support research activity on a one-to-one supervisor-to-student basis at MSc level i.e. ability to guide the student in their chosen research area, discuss the

- various elements of the dissertation, encourage the student to think and reason for themselves, and assist with the critical skills needed at this level
- ability to mark and grade the final dissertation (10,000–15,000 words) which is submitted electronically.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a PhD, MSc or MPhil or other relevant postgraduate qualification
- to be a module tutor in one of the postgraduate diplomas

Additional information

- You will be invited to attend a module-based briefing session, which may be held electronically.
- Communication will be mainly using electronic media, particularly email and forums and telephone.
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- Teaching and learning material will be made available via the module website.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	60
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	3
Method of submission for assignments:	1a
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	2
Salary band:	3
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	2

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.