Project in Investigative Decision Making (SECU0017)

**Description**

During this course students will carry out supervised projects in the broad domain investigative decision making. The module aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to carry out effective projects studying factors affecting decision making during the broad investigative process that occurs after a crime event.

Building on their theoretical understanding of research methods, forensic psychology, judgement and decision making processes and investigative techniques, students will learn how to integrate the knowledge in these areas to achieve research and development goals.

Students will design and carry out empirical investigations that are aimed at improving our understanding of decision making processes in the context of criminal investigations. After identifying a research question from a brief, students will design and develop a method to address this question. They will collect data and use a variety of methods to process, display and analyse the results.

Students will learn how to interpret their results and how to communicate research findings in an effective manner.

Finally, the study of decision making processes at various stages of the investigation will encourage students to consider innovative strategies for ensuring fairness and transparency in the investigation of a criminal event.

This course will provide a foundation for carrying out a dissertation in the field of security and crime prevention.

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the module SECU0002 Forensic Psychology is a pre-requisite for this module.

**Key information**

- **Year**: 2018/19
- **Credit value**: 15 (150 study hours)
- **Delivery**: UG L6, Campus-based
- **Reading List**: View on UCL website
- **Tutor**: Dr James French
- **Term**: Term 2
- **Timetable**: View on UCL website

**Assessment**

- Coursework: 70%
- Oral Presentation: 30%

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