

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6000EDSP** (116235)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2016

Owning School/Faculty: Education  
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 24  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 40  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240  
**Private Study:** 200

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	4
Tutorial	12

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	Dissertation: 8,000 Words	100	

### Aims

*To enable students to consolidate and develop their understanding of an area of their choice within their field of study;*

*To facilitate students' ability to work independently, both at length and in depth, on a topic of their own choice that is appropriate to their field of studies;*

*To develop students' ability to retrieve, analyse and interpret secondary data and,*

*where appropriate, to gather, analyse and interpret primary data;*

*To facilitate students' ability to reach logical and balanced conclusions in a manner that conforms to the tenets of disciplined scholarship;*

*To develop students' ability to present their findings in an appropriate and scholarly manner.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Exhibit advanced skills in the retrieval (or where appropriate production) of pertinent information on an approved topic
- 2 Demonstrate effective time-management and organisation in the researching and production of their dissertation or research project
- 3 Display an appropriate level of understanding and competence in analysis, interpretation and evaluation
- 4 Demonstrate an appropriate level of competence in the presentation of a dissertation or research project that conforms to the demands of scholarly research
- 5 Exhibit critical reflective practice

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

8000 word dissertation	1	2	3	4	5
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## **Outline Syllabus**

*Guidance on identification of an appropriate research topic and formulation of a research question/hypothesis; Introduction to (and consolidation of) a range of information retrieval strategies relating to both primary and secondary sources; Guidance on production of an initial research proposal followed by an extended proposal (including aims, proposed content and annotated bibliography); Guidance on presentational skills; Periodic seminars to consolidate and exchange ideas, benefit from peer review and maintain motivation; Research supervisors to comment and advise on methodology, style and content of draft material (and matters concerning safety and ethics should they arise)*

## **Learning Activities**

Initial lectures, workshops, academic tutorials and seminars will be used for the delivery of the first half of the module. Thereafter, the emphasis will be on independent study with periodic reviews of progress with the module leader and support and guidance from supervisors

## **Notes**

This module is designed to encourage and enable students to explore in a practicable, ethically sound and scholarly manner, a topic that relates to their field of study.