

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION (MCS)  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6000MEDCUL** (110699)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 18  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 222

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	6
Tutorial	6
Workshop	6

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	1000 word proposal	10	
Dissertation	AS2	6 - 8000 words dissertation	90	

### Aims

*To facilitate students to engage critically with key theoretical, conceptual and methodological issues in the construction of a self-directed project.  
To formulate a research plan and gather, synthesize and make use of relevant*

*literature.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify an appropriate and original topic for examination and critically reflect on the research process, identifying contingencies for completion.
- 2 Co-ordinate and synthesise their findings in an academic format, adhering to guidelines on structure and referencing.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

report	1
dissertation	2

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Series of lectures: formulating a hypothesis, appropriate methodology and research methods, organisation and management, writing styles and presentation, references and appendices*  
*Subject specific tutorials and writing up workshop.*

## **Learning Activities**

Tutorials, Group Workshops and Private Study

## **Notes**

The dissertation module requires students to undertake a sustained piece of academic analysis and present this in a proper academic form. This allows students to achieve a thorough understanding of theoretical and methodological issues relevant to their chosen subject of study.

Students will be asked to supply a provisional topic at the end of Level II in their core course "Research Methods" which is the preparation for this module. Students must have successfully passed level 5 5027MEDCUL Research Methods in order to choose the Dissertation as a level 6 option. Students must be able to demonstrate they have the ability to carry out a sustained piece of research on an appropriate topic and it may be the case that proposals are turned down. Students must follow the 'style notes'.

Dissertations should be typed (two copies).