

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **6002UGPUBH** (113076)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2014

Owning School/Faculty: Centre for Public Health
Teaching School/Faculty: Centre for Public Health

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 30.00
Total Delivered Hours: 18.00
Total Learning Hours: 300
Private Study: 282

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Seminar | 12.000 |
| Tutorial | 6.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Dissertation | AS1 | Dissertation (10000-12000 words) | 100.0 | |

Aims

To engage the students in student-negotiated academic activity, requiring creativity, self-motivation and the ability to draw on the knowledge and skills developed in other modules.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify a public health issue in negotiation with a supervisor and present a rationale for the study.
- 2 Design, justify and implement a suitable methodology.
- 3 Locate and utilise relevant sources of information appropriate to the topic under study.
- 4 Analyse and interpret the data to increase our understanding of the topic under study.
- 5 Reflect on the process of doing the study and discuss its limitations.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

dissertation 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

Introduction to the dissertation.
Formatting your dissertation.
Clarifying objectives and methods.
Thinking through ethical issues.
Using secondary sources.
Writing your dissertation.

Learning Activities

This module is based on six 2hr dissertation seminars. Students are expected to spend a minimum of six hours of tutorials with their supervisor.

References

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Burns, R. |
| Publishing Year | 2000 |
| Title | Introduction to Research Methods |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 4th edition |
| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Walliman, N. |
| Publishing Year | 2001 |
| Title | Your Research Project |
| Subtitle | A step-by-step guide for first time researchers |
| Edition | |

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| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Bell, J. |
| Publishing Year | 2005 |
| Title | Doing Your Research Project |
| Subtitle | A guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science |
| Edition | 4th Edition |
| Publisher | Open University Press |
| ISBN | |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Gray, D.E. |
| Publishing Year | 2005 |
| Title | Doing Research in the Real World |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Reardon, D. |
| Publishing Year | 2006 |
| Title | Doing Your Undergraduate Project |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | O'Leary, Z. |
| Publishing Year | 2004 |
| Title | The Essential Guide to Doing Research |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

Notes

The dissertation permits students to engage in a major project of their choice. It encourages students to investigate a specific public health issue, or set of issues, through individual study; using either the literature and relevant secondary sources, or empirical methods.

