

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **6003HUMPSY** (113768)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2010

Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 28.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 212

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	28.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	diss	Dissertation	100.0	

Aims

- 1. To provide students with an opportunity to carry out in-depth advanced study in a specific area of psychology.*
- 2. To enable students to apply appropriate principles of empirical research to an issue negotiated with their supervisor.*
- 3. To enable students to present their research in the form of a written thesis, using appropriate styles and conventions.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Formulate a research plan which includes a realistic idea of the relative time and effort weighting to be given to various stages of the research, and an indication of the objectives and intended outcomes of the research study.
- 2 Demonstrate the skills of literature search, critical review and selection of relevant sources, and systematic synthesis and treatment of key material.
- 3 Choose and apply appropriate advanced statistical techniques and interpret the results and their implications correctly.
- 4 Write a thesis of up to 7,000 words which pays due regard to the conventions whereby psychological research is conveyed to others, demonstrating specialist subject knowledge.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

Initial group meeting with programme leader.

Individual meetings (primarily student-led) with supervisor/mentor.

Learning Activities

1. Identify an academic supervisor and meet regularly with the supervisor to discuss plans and progress.
2. Produce a research proposal and draw up a plan of work with a realistic timescale.
3. Exploring a range of potentially appropriate data analysis techniques, analyzing the data and producing a thesis.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Sternberg, R.J. & Leach, C.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	The Psychologist's Companion
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
ISBN	139780521528061

Course Material	Book
Author	American Psychological Association
Publishing Year	2001

Title	Publication Manual
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	American Psychological Association
ISBN	9781557987914

Notes

Students will formulate a research question under supervision and conduct appropriate data analyses. The thesis module is assessed through the production of a written thesis of up to 6000 words.