

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION IN HISTORY
Status: Definitive
Code: **6006HIST** (114593)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 36
Total Delivered Hours: 37

Total Learning Hours: 360
Private Study: 323

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10
Online	6
Seminar	6
Tutorial	15

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	Coursework: 1000 word synoptic	10	

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		overview of the topic, review of sources and probable dissertation content to be submitted at a date to be specified in Week 10 of Level 6		
Presentation	AS2	Oral presentation: presentation to research symposium of supervisory staff and fellow dissertation students	10	
Dissertation	AS3	Coursework: 12,000 word dissertation to be submitted.	80	

Aims

1. *To develop the student's ability to identify a relevant historical topic and formulate a research proposal designed to explore aspects of that topic.*
2. *To develop the ability of students to analyse and interpret primary and secondary historical sources in pursuit of a self-defined problem.*
3. *To develop students' ability to marshal evidence for a sustained argument and present that argument with clarity, fluency and coherence according to the tenets of historical scholarship.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate ability to identify a relevant historical topic, formulate a research proposal designed to explore aspects of that topic, critically assess the methodological problems inherent in the study of the chosen topic, and design, justify and implement a research methodology appropriate for the topic.
- 2 Locate, gather and analyse critically evidence from both primary and secondary historical sources, and orally present and defend the research proposal and initial findings to an audience of supervisors and peer students.
- 3 Marshal evidence and use it to present a sustained argument with clarity, imagination and coherence using appropriate means of written communication according to the tenets of historical scholarship.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1000 word overview	1
Oral Presentation	2
12000 word dissertation	3

Outline Syllabus

Select a research topic

Carry out the designated proposal procedure and receive staff decision on proposal

Effective consultation with supervisor

Submit synoptic overview in approved format

Oral presentation and defence of proposal and initial findings

Submit dissertation in approved format

Learning Activities

Research topics are chosen by students in consultation with staff. The dissertation supervisor will monitor progress through regular tutorial sessions. Research seminars will be held at which individual students present and defend their proposals and initial findings.

Notes

The challenge of history is to ever add to our understanding of the past and to debates about the past by extending areas of historical knowledge. The dissertation offers students the opportunity to work at the frontiers of historical knowledge and develops key skills in the ability to define, construct and present historical argument.

Students intending to enrol for module 6006HIST Dissertation in History are required to prepare their proposal for research during their Level 5 studies. Students are required to discuss the feasibility of their proposal with at least one member of the History staff and to submit a research proposal conforming to specifications to be set out in guidance notes on the dissertation. The completed research proposal must be submitted to a designated member of the History staff not later than a specified date before the end of the student's Level 5 studies. Students not carrying out the above procedure or whose research proposal is not of an acceptable standard will not be permitted to enroll for module 6006HIST. Any necessary and appropriate adjustments to the interpretation of this procedure will be made in the case of designated part-time students.

Students must have done 5000HIST at Level 5; single honours students must do either this module or 6016HIST at Level 6