

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: EXTENDED DISSERTATION IN SOCIOLOGY
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ6 **Credit Value:** 36 **Total Delivered Hours:** 14
Total Learning Hours: 360 **Private Study:** 346

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	4
Seminar	1
Tutorial	9

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Oral Presentation and write up, 1000 words.	15	
Dissertation	AS2	Dissertation, 12000 words.	85	

Aims

To develop the ability of students to analyse and interpret a body of knowledge in a manner conforming to the tenets of disciplined, lucid and critical scholarship.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate and process primary and secondary data within the context of specified research objectives.
- 2 Orally present initial findings to an audience of supervisors and peer students.
- 3 Develop a coherent and analytical argument which is related to the initial problem or hypothesis.
- 4 Reflect critically on the nature and purpose of research, particularly with regard to the link between empirical data and theory generation.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Oral Presentation	2		
Dissertation	1	3	4

Outline Syllabus

A research topic will be chosen by the student, which, subject to the feasibility of the proposal will be developed by the student. The student will see the supervisor to discuss the progress of the dissertation and will present a progress report to supervisors and peer group.

Learning Activities

Data collection, fieldwork, archival work, reading, constructing draft chapters, integrating the supervisor's comments, presenting progress, writing the final draft.

Course Material	Book
Author	Davies, M.B.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Doing a Successful Research Project:
Subtitle	Using qualitative or quantitative methods.
Edition	
Publisher	Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Greetham, B.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	How to write and undergraduate dissertation.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Smith, K. Todd, M. & Waldham, J.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Doing Your Undergraduate Social Science Dissertation.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	White, P.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Developing research questions:
Subtitle	A guide for social scientists.
Edition	
Publisher	Maidenhead: Open University Press.
ISBN	

Notes

The module is designed to allow students to build on the theories and methods they have studied in the previous two years and to apply them to their particular area of interest. As such, the module encourages students to generate their own original data on an issue congruent with the themes of the programme and to produce a piece of work which engages critically with theory and method. Therefore, it is designed to enhance the research and analytical skills of students and to encourage them to be proactive learners through constructing a dissertation which either adds to or challenges existing work in their chosen area, and presenting their findings to an audience.

In order to undertake the Extended Dissertation students must submit a satisfactory proposal at the beginning of Level 6.