

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Dissertation  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6016LAWCJ** (121335)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 40      **Total Delivered Hours:** 18

**Total Learning Hours:** 400      **Private Study:** 382

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	12
Workshop	6

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	Diss	8,000-10,000 word dissertation	100	

### Aims

*To enable students to conduct independent research in a criminal justice related topic and apply to existing literature in order to provide a developed set of arguments and relevant conclusion. It can be based on either primary or secondary research depending on the programme of study undertaken.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate and process primary and/or secondary information within the context of specified research activities
- 2 Enhance their appreciation of the purpose of research and the linkages between empirical evidence and theory in criminal justice
- 3 Write an extended piece of work and present a coherent set of arguments leading to conclusions related clearly to the initial problem or hypothesis

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

8000-10000 words Dissertation	1	2	3
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## **Outline Syllabus**

*The dissertation is supported by a number of workshops delivered at key points during the research process*

1. *Introduction to the module*
2. *The ethical procedures required*
3. *Compiling the initial proposal*
4. *Writing up your literature review*
5. *Conduct and presenting your methodology*
6. *Putting it all together.*

## **Learning Activities**

1. Students will complete research proposal and ethical approval proformas
2. Students will attend workshops scheduled throughout the module
3. Students will have regular supervision sessions with their allocated supervisor
4. Students will submit a minimum 8000 word thesis at the end of the module

## **Notes**

The dissertation module requires students to select a problem or issue within criminal justice, to locate this within existing literature, and to conduct independent

research generating data which forms the basis of a written thesis.

Each student will be allocated an individual supervisor and support will be available throughout the process.