

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: BUSINESS STUDIES PROJECT
Status: Definitive
Code: **6021BUSTAR** (119502)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2012

Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School

Team	Leader
John Reed	Y

Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 6.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 234

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	3.000
Seminar	3.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	Disser.		70.0	
Report	Proposal		10.0	
Essay	Lit Review		20.0	

Aims

To enable students to research a business problem or issue within an academic context.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- LO 1 Research and analyse a business problem or issue.
- LO 2 Develop a research proposal
- LO 3 Undertake a critical literature review
- LO 4 Produce a structured report.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation	LO 1	LO 4
Research Proposal	LO 2	
Literature Review	LO 3	

Outline Syllabus

Students choose a business problem or issue, which may be related to work undertaken on placement year or on a part time basis, or which may be desk based research. Students will be expected to:

Identify and justify appropriate research methods.

Undertake a literature review.

Collect, collate and analyse appropriate research data.

Reach conclusions and make recommendations where appropriate.

Produce a structured report.

Learning Activities

Lectures covering generic issues: the proposal (covered in detail at level 5 in the Research methods module), use of SPSS, the project write up. Individual meetings with tutors providing guidance on the management of the research and production of the project.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Fisher, C
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Researching and Writing a Dissertation
Subtitle	An Essential Guide for Business Students
Edition	3rd edition
Publisher	Pearson Education, Harlow

ISBN	027-372343-X
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Course Material	Book
Author	Saunders, M, Lewis, P and Thornhill, A
Publishing Year	2012
Title	Research Methods for Business Students
Subtitle	
Edition	6th edition
Publisher	Financial Times Prentice Hall
ISBN	027-375075-5

Course Material	Book
Author	Punch, K F
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Developing Effective Research Proposals
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Jankowicz A.D.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Business Research Projects
Subtitle	
Edition	4th edition
Publisher	International Thompson Business Press
ISBN	184-480082-2

Course Material	Book
Author	Saunders, M and Lewis, P
Publishing Year	2011
Title	Doing Research in Business and Management
Subtitle	An Essential Guide to Planning Your Project
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow, Pearson Education Limited
ISBN	027-372641-2

Notes

This module enables final year students to apply their knowledge and skills to a properly researched business problem or issue.

All students must submit a proposal to module leader for their intended project. (See module guide for proposal requirements).

Feedback will be given to students after project assessment and the programme assessment board, via a mark/feedback form, compiled by the project supervisor.

Assessment criteria for the project are detailed in the module handbook.