

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Dissertation
Status: Definitive
Code: **6031JOURN** (123561)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Level: FHEQ6 **Credit Value:** 40 **Total Delivered Hours:** 12
Total Learning Hours: 400 **Private Study:** 388

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	8
Tutorial	4

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Pres	Presentation	20	
Dissertation	Diss	Written Dissertation - 8000 Words	80	

Aims

To evaluate a key journalistic issue, focusing on a specific area for investigation
To critically analyse the existing literature in the field
To evaluate academic research methods
To collect and evaluate research data, analysing its relationship to the existing data and contribution to the field

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Clearly define a question appropriate to a journalism dissertation.
- 2 Critically analyse literature and other sources in the area of their chosen topic.
- 3 Demonstrate knowledge of academic research methods.
- 4 Critically analyse and evaluate research data gathered for the dissertation.
- 5 Evaluate the methodological issues relevant to their dissertation topic.
- 6 Write clearly and logically to present material in an academic style.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Presentation	1	2				
Dissertation	2	3	4	5	6	

Outline Syllabus

Investigation as an academic tool; applying theory to problems; research design; qualitative research methods; quantitative research methods; structure and content of a dissertation.

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars and directed independent learning

Notes

This module allows students to carry out a major project of private study and research. The dissertation is student led but supported by a series of lectures on methods and techniques followed by one-to-one supervision with a suitably-qualified supervisor.