Liverpool John Moores University

| Title: | DISSERTATION |
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| Status: | Definitive |
| Code: | 6048BUSAE (108129) |
| Version Start Date: | 01-08-2011 |
| Owning School/Faculty: | Liverpool Business School |
| Teaching School/Faculty: | Liverpool Business School |

| Team | Leader |
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| Academic Level: | FHEQ6 | Credit Value: | 24.00 | Total Delivered Hours: | 3.00 |
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| Total Learning Hours: | 240 | Private Study: | 237 | | |

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Tutorial | 3.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Dissertation | AS1 | Initial report 1000 words Final Dissertation 5000 words | 100.0 | |

Aims

1. To develop the ability of students to undertake independent research, from project definition, research design, and realisation as a completed piece of work.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Frame a research project and identify a strategy towards its completion
- 2 Demonstrate the application of research skills to a range of appropriate activities -

including problem solving, information collecting, qualitative and quantitative analysis, relevant to the task in hand.

- 3 Complete an in depth research project independently, from initial conception to fruition in a final written report.
- 4 Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between say, theory and practice, ideas and reality, and the pitfalls, problems and possibilities inherent in the research process

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

The content of the dissertation will be defined by the student in consultation with staff.

Learning Activities

Produce a project outline in the summer preceding enrolment into level 3, identifying the topic and programme of study. Students failing to do this satisfactorily will not be allowed to register for the dissertation.

Collection of information and quantitative data from primary or secondary sources. Private study; research under supervision. Each student will be allocated a supervisor to oversee the dissertation, give feedback and monitor progress. Production of interim report and final dissertation

| Course Material | Book |
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| Author | Howard, K. and Sharp, J. A. et al |
| Publishing Year | 2002 |
| Title | The Management of a Student Research Project |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 3rd edition |
| Publisher | Gower. |
| ISBN | 0566084902 |

References

| Course Material | Book |
|-----------------|--|
| Author | Mayer, T. |
| Publishing Year | 1995 |
| Title | Doing economic research: essays on the applied |
| | methodology of economics |

| Subtitle | |
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| Edition | |
| Publisher | Edward Elgar |
| ISBN | 1852789395 |

| Course Material | Book |
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| Author | Saunders, M, Lewis, P. & Thornhill, A. |
| Publishing Year | 2002 |
| Title | Research Methods for Business Students |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 3rd |
| Publisher | FT Prentice Hall |
| ISBN | 0-2736-5804-2 |

Notes

Provides the opportunity for the student to undertake in depth research into a topic of individual interest