

## Liverpool John Moores University

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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 40      **Total Delivered Hours:** 50

**Total Learning Hours:** 400      **Private Study:** 350

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10
Online	10
Tutorial	20
Workshop	10

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	Presentation, Progress Report and Viva	15	
Dissertation	AS2	8000 words Dissertation submission	85	

### Aims

1. To facilitate students to engage critically with key theoretical, conceptual and methodological issues in the construction of a self-directed project.

2. To formulate a research plan and gather, synthesise and make use of relevant literature.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify an appropriate and original topic for examination and critically reflect on the research process, identifying contingencies for completion.
- 2 Co-ordinate and synthesise their findings in an academic format, adhering to guidelines on structure and referencing.
- 3 Present a coherent and reflective discussion of work in progress.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Presentation, Report, Viva	1	3
8000 words Dissertation	2	

## Outline Syllabus

*Series of lectures: formulating a hypothesis, appropriate methodology and research methods, organisation and management, writing styles and presentation, references and appendices; Subject specific tutorials; Writing up and data analysis workshops.*

## Learning Activities

Tutorials, Group Workshops, Private Study.

## Notes

The dissertation is one of the core directed modules from which students must choose for their Level 6 Portfolio. The module requires students to undertake a sustained piece of academic analysis and present this in a proper academic form. This allows students to achieve a thorough understanding of theoretical and methodological issues relevant to their chosen subject of study. Students must be able to demonstrate they have the ability to carry out a sustained piece of research on an appropriate topic and it may be the case that proposals are turned down. Students must discuss their work in progress via a presentation early in the 1st Semester. Students must follow the 'style notes' and produce work using proper academic form. Ethics approval must be granted if required. Two copies of the

dissertation should be submitted in hard copy.