

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Dissertation in Sociology  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6100SOC** (124446)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 40      **Total Delivered Hours:** 20  
**Total Learning Hours:** 400      **Private Study:** 380

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	12
Tutorial	8

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	Dissertation 10,000 Words	100	

### Aims

- 1. To study a topic of students' particular interest through self-directed study under the guidance of a supervisor.*
- 2. To use the research skills and concepts introduced in years one and two to conduct an independent, longitudinal research project and to present it in an appropriate style.*

3. *To analyse and interpret a body of knowledge in a manner conforming to the standards of research and scholarship in sociology.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Formulate a viable research question in sociology and extensive literature search appropriate for a Level 6 dissertation.
- 2 Demonstrate an ability to organise and plan research effectively and independently over a limited period of time.
- 3 Demonstrate the ability to successfully complete a substantial piece of academic written work.
- 4 Demonstrate an ability to communicate ideas in an appropriate written format that conforms to the conventions of academic writing.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Dissertation	1	2	3	4
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## **Outline Syllabus**

*This module involves self-directed study under the guidance of a supervisor and module leader. Supervision will be by a combination of group and individual sessions:*

- *Individual supervision meetings (bi/tri-weekly) with allocated supervisor*
- *Group sessions will involve two three-hour seminars per semester, led by the module leader, covering the following topics:*
  - o *The nature of a sociology dissertation*
  - o *Advanced literature search and research skills*
  - o *Refining research design and questions*
  - o *Assessing feasibility and planning*
  - o *Ethics*
  - o *Project management*
  - o *Information and data collection and presentation*
  - o *Structuring and writing up a dissertation*

## **Learning Activities**

Group seminars, individual supervision meetings.

## **Notes**

This module provides students with an opportunity to develop their own sociological specialism by conducting an extended, in-depth study on a freely chosen topic in sociology. Students will plan and design an extended piece of academic work and present the completed work as a written dissertation, whilst demonstrating a detailed and critical understanding of a relevant field of sociological enquiry. Students will be supported through group seminars to successfully complete the dissertation, and will work with a staff supervisor to develop a critical understanding of their research topic.