

## Liverpool John Moores University

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Title: Dissertation  
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Owning School/Faculty: Education  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 40      **Total Delivered Hours:** 53  
**Total Learning Hours:** 400      **Private Study:** 347

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Online	24
Tutorial	5
Workshop	12

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	Dissertation Literature or fieldwork based (10,000 words)	100	

### Aims

*To allow students to research a topic of their choice, which relates to their programme of study, using a range of data sources and appropriate research*

methods.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critique literature and theories relating to the subject of their study
- 2 Understand appropriate academic conventions of the dissemination of research
- 3 Apply appropriate research methods to a given area of inquiry
- 4 Analyse, interpret and synthesise data and information from a variety of forms

## 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

*For students undertaking a library-based study:*

*Developing questions for research purposes*

*Searching and retrieval: literary sources, databases, statistics and archives*

*Reviewing and critiquing literature*

*Documentary analysis*

*Critical thinking and writing*

*Writing strategies*

*For students undertaking a fieldwork study:*

*Gaining ethical approval*

*Reviewing literature and critiquing research evidence*

*Questionnaire design*

*Conducting effective interviews*

*Developing observation schedules*

*Quantitative data analysis*

*Qualitative data analysis*

*Presenting results in an appropriate format*

*Evaluating and discussing findings*

*Drawing appropriate conclusions and making recommendations*

*Effective writing strategies and writing up the project*

## Learning Activities

Student research will be supported through introductory lectures followed with workshops for group work and practical activities. Each student will be allocated a supervisor who will meet with them over the research period. Online materials will also be available to guide and support independent study.

## Notes

There are three different optional formats for the dissertation-

A dissertation which is 'fieldwork' based: in this type of dissertation a research question is formulated and investigated using 'field' data. Field data is usually obtained through the use of research methods such as questionnaires, interviews, focus groups, observations and so forth. This type of dissertation utilises library sources as well.

A dissertation which is 'library' based: in this type of dissertation a research question is formulated and investigated using library based source material rather than 'field' data. This type of dissertation tends to be more theoretical or philosophical in tone.

Two extended essays plus an accompanying rationale. Each essay requires the formulation of a research question which is investigated using library based source material rather than 'field' data. A rationale should justify the choice of topic(s), explain how the topics/essays are linked, and explain how the sources were selected and evaluated (methodology).