

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RESEARCH PROJECT  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6254BEUG** (125684)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Civil Engineering and Built Environment  
Teaching School/Faculty: Civil Engineering and Built Environment

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 30      **Total Delivered Hours:** 40

**Total Learning Hours:** 300      **Private Study:** 260

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Tutorial	20

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS2	Final dissertation report	90	
Presentation	AS1	Presentation of proposal, reading to date and initial findings	10	

### Aims

*To enable students to complete a substantial piece of individual work and build on their expertise in a Construction Engineering subject.*

*To develop students' research, time management, presentation and written communication skills.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Develop and refine a research and data collection strategy appropriate to the research question / problem posed.
- 2 Source, collect, and analyse relevant and original qualitative and / or quantitative data.
- 3 Source, collect, and analyse relevant and original data which can be from experimental, qualitative and / or quantitative data.
- 4 Synthesise, analyse and critically evaluate the research findings using reasoned and logical arguments within a structured written framework and communicate the outcomes and methodology of research verbally and in written form.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Final dissertation report	1	4	3	2
Presentation of proposal	4			

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Introduction to the Dissertation:*

*The selection of a Research Topic and formulation of a research question.*

*Establishing a research aim and setting / tailoring objectives to fulfil that goal*

*The structure and purpose of a dissertation*

*Research Approaches and Strategies*

*The Inductive versus Deductive Approach*

*Qualitative and Quantitative Research*

*Data Collection Strategies (Interviews, Field Tests, Lab Tests, Surveys,*

*Questionnaires, Case Studies)*

*The Knowledge Database. Effective Literature Searching and Literature Reviews*

*Data Collection and Analysis*

*Data Collection Tools including Bristol on-line surveys*

*Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis*

*Data Analysis tools including SPSS and NVivo*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures and tutorials supported by the nominated supervisor. The student is expected to carry out individual study and investigation.

## **Notes**

The dissertation enables students to personally select, and complete an in-depth study on, a topic related to Construction Engineering. The module develops students' practical research skills and enhances their knowledge and expertise in Construction Engineering. As the completion of a dissertation is principally student-led the module offers the opportunity to further develop time management, presentation and communication skills.