

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Dissertation in History and English
Status: Definitive
Code: **6500SRCHEL** (128179)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Southern Regional College

| Team | Leader |
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 40
Total Delivered Hours: 18
Total Learning Hours: 400
Private Study: 382

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture | 6 |
| Seminar | 6 |
| Workshop | 6 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Report | AS1 | Report on their project 1500w | 15 | |
| Dissertation | AS3 | Dissertation 7500 words | 75 | |
| Presentation | AS2 | 10 minute oral presentation | 10 | |

Aims

To enable students to work independently on an appropriate dissertation that falls under the expertise of the programme

To develop the ability to analyse evidence in pursuit of a self-defined problem

To produce a substantial piece of written work, with appropriate scholarly

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate a chosen field of critical literature and situate their own work within it through analysis of appropriate primary material
- 2 Hone and apply a particular methodology or approach towards their chosen material to generate research and an informed critical position.
- 3 Write a long, research-informed and scholarly essay which accords to high standards of presentation and referencing and develops an argument.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| Report on their project 1500w | 2 | | |
| Dissertation 7500 words | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10 minute oral presentation | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Outline Syllabus

May: introductory lecture: the dissertation

September-December: 4 lectures: Defining your topic; polishing your proposal; structuring your dissertation; writing your dissertation chapter

March: final lecture: writing up

May- March: 6 workshop sessions to follow lecture topics including a Library induction.

The dissertation topic will be negotiated between student and staff, on the basis of the student's proposed ideas and the stated interests of all staff circulated in advance. The allocation of supervisors and formulation of topics will be confirmed by the end of the second semester Level 5. Students will attend a number of individual supervision meetings and electronic feedback sessions (totalling 6

Learning Activities

Lectures, Seminars, Workshops.

Notes

This is an independent research project where students will produce a dissertation of 7000-8000 words. As such it offers them the chance to develop an area of research that interests them: this can include research already undertaken or as yet unexplored topic. Students will work with their supervisors to develop their research

projects and to write up this material. They will also be assisted by workshops and tutorials.