

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Dissertation
Status: Definitive
Code: **6500WESTMC** (128975)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Westford University College

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 40
Total Delivered Hours: 30
Total Learning Hours: 400
Private Study: 370

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Year Long & NS Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10
Tutorial	20

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, synthesize 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 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.