

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6501HASS** (128391)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health  
Teaching School/Faculty: Nelson and Colne College Group

Team	Leader
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 40  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 36  
**Total Learning Hours:** 400  
**Private Study:** 364

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Year Long & NS Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	12
Tutorial	12

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	ASS1	8000 word dissertation project	100	

### Aims

*The dissertation module provides students with the opportunity to design and carry out a substantive piece of research analysis into a topic of their own choosing. Students will have an opportunity to produce an in-depth analysis of the findings drawn from their extended investigations. Students will have a choice of either a primary research based dissertation or a literature based dissertation.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Select, evaluate and apply critical thinking to a subject drawn from the social sciences and/or a health and provide an informed theoretical/conceptual justification for the study of that topic.
- 2 Demonstrate critical engagement with academic conventions appropriate to their chosen research paradigm.
- 3 Synthesise evidence obtained from a range of literature and electronic secondary sources of information/data.
- 4 Critically reflect upon the methodological and ethical considerations and approaches used during the course of the research.
- 5 Analyse, evaluate and draw conclusions from the data generated by the study of the topic.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

8000 Word Dissertation	1	2	3	4	5
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## Outline Syllabus

*The dissertation provides students with the opportunity to carry out a substantive piece of research over two semesters on a topic of their own choosing drawn from the social sciences and/or health studies. This choice is made in negotiation with subject tutors.*

*1. For most of this module, students will work independently and be expected to use the research skills and concepts introduced in levels 4 and 5 to conduct their own research.*

*2. Supplementary research methods training relating to the research process, conduct; analysis and presentation of research findings expected within a dissertation will be provided during tutorials.*

## Learning Activities

A mixture of research lectures, small group supervision sessions, student led seminars and self-directed learning.

Regular supervision tutorials provide opportunities for informal formative assessment techniques to support student learning as well as to discuss overall progress of the work during its preparation.

Students will each receive:

- 12 hours of classroom-based taught material
- 12 hours of group tutorial where they can bring any matters they want to discuss with staff and peers
- 12 hours of individual supervision by staff of their own dissertation work. It is the student's responsibility to request these sessions as required during the course of

this module.

The relationship between student and supervisor is crucial to the success of the dissertation and these regular meetings keep students focused and on track. This dissertation project will be carried out under the guidance of the module leader. The module leader will review the subject and proposed methodology of the research from an ethical perspective and give advice and direction. All research undertaken within the college goes before an internal ethics committee for approval.

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