

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6505CPHEA** (100074)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health  
Teaching School/Faculty: Accrington & Rossendale College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 40.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 49.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 400  
**Private Study:** 351

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Practical	12.000
Seminar	15.000
Tutorial	10.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	CW1: Dissertation (12500 words approx)	100.0	

### Aims

*To provide students with the opportunity to design and carry out a substantive piece of research analysis into a topic of their own choosing.*

*To provide students with an opportunity to produce an in-depth analysis of the findings drawn from their extended investigations.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Select a topic drawn from the social sciences and/or a health related topic and provide an informed theoretical/conceptual justification for the study of that topic.
- 2 Demonstrate an ability to work independently managing their own time.
- 3 Write up a research report using academic conventions appropriate to their chosen research paradigm.
- 4 Gather and interpret evidence obtained from a range of literature and electronic secondary sources of information/data.
- 5 Design, justify and reflect upon the methodological strategies and approaches used during the course of the research.
- 6 Reflect upon the ethical issues raised during the course of the research process.
- 7 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:

12500 words                      1    2    3    4    5    6    7

## Outline Syllabus

*For most of this module, students will work independently and be expected to use the research skills and concepts introduced in years one and two to conduct their own research. Supplementary research methods training relating to the research process, conduct; analysis and presentation of research findings expected within a dissertation will be provided during the learning activities outlined above.*

## Learning Activities

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

Students will also be expected to have a minimum of 10 hours one-to-one supervision tutorial with their dissertation supervisor. It is the student's responsibility to request these sessions as required during the course of this module

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Blaxter L, Hughes C & Tight M
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	How to Research
<b>Subtitle</b>	

<b>Edition</b>	3rd edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Open University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Bryman, A
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2008
<b>Title</b>	Social Research Methods
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	3rd edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Davies, M
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Doing a Successful Research Project
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Palgrave
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Denzin, N; Lincoln, Y
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2008
<b>Title</b>	Collecting and Interpreting Qualitative Materials
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	3rd edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Sage Publications
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Rudestam K, Newton R
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Surviving your Dissertation
<b>Subtitle</b>	A comprehensive guide to content and process
<b>Edition</b>	3rd edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Sage Publications
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Walliman N
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Your Research Project
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Sage Publications

## Notes

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. The module allows students to conduct an extended piece of research using appropriate research methodologies to generate relevant data and provide an in depth analysis and evaluation of their research findings. 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.