

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **7002BUSAE** (100183)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 60.00
Total Delivered Hours: 7.00
Total Learning Hours: 600
Private Study: 593

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Online	7.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	(20,000 words).	100.0	

Aims

To provide a vehicle for students to demonstrate the ability to work with guidance on a research project.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify an economic/finance topic worthy of research.

- 2 Set out a research strategy.
- 3 Assess the relevance, quality and availability of the necessary data.
- 4 Demonstrate an ability to use appropriate research tools.
- 5 Draw conclusions from an empirical study.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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Outline Syllabus

The precise topic will be selected by the student in conjunction with subject lecturers. Discussions concerning subject choice will take place during the second semester, where guidance will be given in the Research Methods for Finance Module. The student will be allocated a suitably qualified member of the course team who will act as the supervisor for the project.

The dissertation should consist of approximately 20,000 words and is expected to be of publishable quality, The submitted version should be bound and typewritten.

Learning Activities

The emphasis on learning is firmly with the student. Although guidance will be provided through approximately weekly meetings with their supervisor. Activities will differ depending on the needs of the specific area under study, but will include in-depth literature searches and analysis, data collection, application of the data to the identified topic and writing up of empirical findings.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Hart, C
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Doing Your Masters Dissertation
Subtitle	Essential Study Skills Series
Edition	
Publisher	Sage Publications
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Levin, P
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Excellent Dissertations!
Subtitle	Student-Friendly Guides Series
Edition	

Publisher	Open University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Newton, R R and Rudestam, K E
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Surviving Your Dissertation
Subtitle	A Comprehensive Guide to Content and Process
Edition	
Publisher	Sage Publications
ISBN	

Notes

The dissertation builds on previous learning from Research Methods in Finance and appropriate subject specific modules, with the learning outcomes being achieved through a 20,000 word dissertation that applies concepts and research techniques to critically investigate a financial issue.