

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **7008JOURN** (110822)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 60.00
Total Delivered Hours: 25.00
Total Learning Hours: 600
Private Study: 575

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	5.000
Tutorial	20.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	15000-20000 word dissertation. See assessment notes below.	100.0	

Aims

To produce a written dissertation that researches a key journalistic issue and demonstrates mastery in its analysis or evaluation.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Write clearly and logically to present material in an academic style;

- 2 Critically analyse and evaluate literature and other sources in the area of their chosen topic.
- 3 Critically analyse and evaluate research data gathered for the dissertation;
- 4 Demonstrate mastery of the methodological issues relevant to their dissertation topic.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

Research methods, methodology, literature reviews, writing up academic research.

Learning Activities

Lectures, tutorials.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Bell, J.
Publishing Year	1995
Title	Doing Your Educational Research Project
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, UK: OUP
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Clough, P. & Nutbrown, C.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	A Student's Guide to Methodology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, UK; Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hart, C.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Doing a Literature Review
Subtitle	

Edition	
Publisher	London, UK: Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hansen, A., Cottle, S., Negrine, R and Newbold, C.
Publishing Year	1999
Title	Mass Communication Research Methods
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, UK: Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	May, T.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Social Research
Subtitle	Issues, Methods and Process
Edition	3rd ed
Publisher	London, UK: OUP
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Preece, R.
Publishing Year	1994
Title	Starting Research
Subtitle	An Introduction to Research and Dissertation Writing
Edition	
Publisher	London, UK: Pinter
ISBN	

Notes

The dissertation is designed to allow students to demonstrate mastery of a limited subject area in a lengthy written piece of work which they have driven and managed.

Assessment notes:

A 500 word outline of the research question and an initial tutorial must be completed before a deadline set by the module leader. Students failing to attend this tutorial or submit an outline will not be allowed to submit a dissertation.