

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: MPA PROJECT
Status: Definitive
Code: **7009NSGMPA** (116838)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School
Teaching School/Faculty: National School of Government

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 60.00
Total Delivered Hours: 42.00
Total Learning Hours: 600
Private Study: 558

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Online	12.000
Tutorial	6.000
Workshop	24.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	Report	Tutor marked project report. Word limit of report: 12,000 - 16,000 words.	100.0	

Aims

To develop public services managers who can use scholarship and research to engage with practical problems and thereby contribute to making public services better.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- LO 1 Demonstrate expertise in identifying practical problems and their context and causes.
- LO 2 Critically evaluate research literature to produce conceptual frameworks, to choose research approaches (e.g. evaluation research and action research), and to consider and finalise research designs.
- LO 3 Execute in a skilful way the collection and analysis of research data and the production of findings grounded in the data and analysis performed.
- LO 4 Create feasible and suitable proposals for practical action to address previously identified problems.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Report	LO	LO	LO	LO
	1	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

Problem definition.

Theory development and the nature of theory.

Measurement and variables, sampling, and reliability and validity.

Research design.

Case studies.

Surveys.

Desk Research.

Evaluation research and action research.

Quantitative and qualitative data analysis.

Turning research findings into proposals for action.

Writing up.

Learning Activities

The learning activities of this module include workshops, tutorials, independent learning activities and a substantial project.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Walliman, N
Publishing Year	2011
Title	Your Research Project
Subtitle	
Edition	

Publisher	London, Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	van de Ven, A
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Engaged Scholarship
Subtitle	A Guide for Organizational and Social Research
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Notes

Students will be asked to prepare a project plan for discussion but not for marking.