

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Research Paper
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 60
Total Delivered Hours: 12
Total Learning Hours: 600
Private Study: 588

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Non Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	12

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	DISS	Research Paper (7,000 words)	70	
Portfolio	Protocol	Research Portfolio	30	

Aims

To investigate a topic of interest and relevance to contemporary social work practice through empirical research.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Synthesise material from various sources in order to identify, define and defend an appropriate research question.
- 2 Apply methodological rigour in the use of appropriate methods and techniques for problem analysis and investigation.
- 3 Critically evaluate the implications of research findings.
- 4 Communicate research findings using agreed standards of convention.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Research Paper	1	2	3	4
Research Protocol	1	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

Individually negotiated between supervisor and student. Small group tutorials face to face and online will deal with emerging issues related to methodology, data analysis and relationship to professional practice.

Learning Activities

A research paper (7000 words) will constitute 70% of final mark while the portfolio will constitute the remaining 30%. The latter will include (i) detailed plan of research (ii) Ethics Committee Application and research protocol (iii) records of online interaction and (iv) reflections on the above along with other emerging issues and barriers to research. Students who undertake literature based studies (e.g. systematic reviews) must include detailed evidence of data extraction, evaluation and searches of databases in the portfolio.

Notes

The research paper and portfolio permit students to engage in a major project of their choice. Students will build on their original research proposal through a combination of personal study, seminars, on-line support and empirical research. During the module there will be opportunities to engage with supervisors (on-line) and participate in virtual workshops. In addition to this, students will join a peer support group with whom they can interact and reflect on the challenges of research.