

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SPECIALIST INFORMATION SOURCES
Status: Definitive
Code: **7018BUSIS** (101757)
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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: 15.00
Total Delivered Hours: 30.00
Total Learning Hours: 150
Private Study: 120

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Workshop	30.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	A report reflecting on a client focused search including the presentation of search results	100.0	

Aims

To enable students to find, evaluate and apply knowledge of information sources in specialist areas.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the context in which specialist information skills are applied

- 2 Identify, select and exploit appropriate specialist information sources to answer specific client enquiries
- 3 Critically appraise individual sources and assess their applicability to meet client objectives
- 4 Present research results in a professional and appropriate manner according to specific client requirements

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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Outline Syllabus

Introduction to specialist information skills
Identifying, selecting and searching information sources in:
 - *Business information sources*
 - *Legal information sources*
 - *Health information sources*
Evaluation of the quality and appropriateness of specialist information sources
Presentation of search results

Learning Activities

The module will run as a series of full day workshops allowing for the flexible delivery of the taught elements and experiential learning into structured exercises. This allows the student to develop their conceptual and practical understanding of this key area of professional practice.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Stein, S.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Law web companion
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Prentice Hall
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Welsh, S.
Publishing Year	2001

Title	Finding and using health and medical information on the internet
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Aslib
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kiley, R.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	A guide to healthcare resources on the web
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Royal Society of Medicine Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Various
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Super searchers series
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cyber age
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Pedley, P
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Free business and industry information on the web
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	ASLIB-IMI
ISBN	

Notes

The specialist areas that each student will be able to chose from will be legal, health and business.