

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7018SKPUBH** (113054)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2014

Owning School/Faculty: Centre for Public Health  
Teaching School/Faculty: Centre for Public Health

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 60.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 32.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 600  
**Private Study:** 568

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	12.000
Tutorial	20.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	Option 1: Dissertation Report up to 15,000 words or Option 2: journal format dissertation up to 7,500 words plus viva voce examination	100.0	

### Aims

*To engage the student in a substantial piece of research based work that will require the in depth investigation of a topic of their own choosing.*

*To develop and demonstrate a wide breadth of public health knowledge and skills.*

*To demonstrate the ability to select appropriate aspects of public health and to synthesise and integrate these into their specific area of study.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Prepare proposal to research an appropriate topic that impacts on public health
- 2 Using an appropriate methodology, undertake appropriate fieldwork and collect data (Obtaining appropriate ethical committee approval if required).
- 3 Critically analyse results or findings
- 4 Present a report synthesising research undertaken, the findings established and the conclusions reached

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation                      1    2    3    4

## Outline Syllabus

*Justification for research project, secondary data collection, ethical committee approval, primary data collection, construction of questionnaires, data analysis and evaluation and dissertation structure and format*

## Learning Activities

Presentation of research proposal, Group seminars, Individual tutorials

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Blaxter, L.C: Tight, M
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1998
<b>Title</b>	How to Research
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Rudestam, KE: Newton, RR
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2001
<b>Title</b>	Surviving Your Dissertation
<b>Subtitle</b>	A comprehensive guide to content and process
<b>Edition</b>	Second Edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Sage, London

<b>ISBN</b>	0-7619-1962-7
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## **Notes**

The dissertation provides the students with an opportunity to carry out their own piece of quality research. Students will be required to complete a learning agreement, that will be approved by their supervisor.

As part of this agreement, students who undertake the journal format, must select an appropriate journal, and follow the journal's house style.