

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION
Status: Definitive
Code: **7083PG** (102460)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Built Environment
Teaching School/Faculty: Built Environment

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 60.00
Total Delivered Hours: 24.00
Total Learning Hours: 600
Private Study: 576

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	2.000
Tutorial	22.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	15,000 to 16,000 word dissertation report	100.0	

Aims

To develop and test students' ability to prepare a dissertation based on a study in appropriate depth, of a subject of some significance in relation to either planning, environmental management or urban regeneration.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Formulate a research question and devise an appropriate method of investigation.
- 2 Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of previous relevant theoretical and empirical work in relation to the chosen research question.
- 3 Gather, present, analyse and interpret appropriate evidence in relation to the chosen research question, including evidence from primary sources.
- 4 Synthesise findings and draw conclusions around the research question.
- 5 Report the research process and findings in a report of appropriate professional quality.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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Outline Syllabus

The dissertation will normally comprise 15,000 to 16,000 words (in design based topics that include a substantial drawn element that figure may be reduced) and will contain a careful explanation of the research question; a review of the relevant literature; an explanation of the research methodology; descriptions, analysis and synthesis of carefully prepared evidence. This evidence will include both the selection and evaluation of relevant published material, together with some gathering of evidence from primary sources.

Students are required to undertake some original empirical research as part of the dissertation preparation process.

Dissertation preparation normally takes 4-6 months after completion of the Postgraduate Diploma stage. Written guidance is issued to students prior to the commencement of the dissertation preparation process. Students are counselled regarding their choice of topic and an appropriate supervisor allocated. A full research proposal must be submitted. This is formally assessed.

During the period of dissertation preparation students are advised to keep in regular contact with their supervisor. As part of the assessment process students will normally attend a viva examination with an external examiner.

N.B.: Students on the MSc Environmental Planning must undertake their dissertation within their chosen field of specialised study; environmental management, or urban regeneration.

Students on the MSc Urban Renewal must undertake their dissertation within the field of urban regeneration.

Learning Activities

Supervised individual study and investigation; tutorials; seminar presentation.

Note on assessment:

The Postgraduate Diploma element must be completed prior to assessment.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Alison, B
Publishing Year	1997
Title	The Student's Guide to Writing Dissertations and Theses
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Kogan Page
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Holt, G
Publishing Year	1998
Title	A Guide to Successful Dissertation Study for Students of the Built Environment
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Cryer P
Publishing Year	2000
Title	the Research Student's Guide to Success
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Open University
ISBN	

Notes

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