

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Specialist Study
Status: Definitive
Code: **7112AR** (123600)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool School of Art & Design
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool School of Art & Design

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 30
Total Delivered Hours: 15
Total Learning Hours: 300
Private Study: 285

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	1
Seminar	6
Tutorial	8

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	Two hard copies - printed and bound in an appropriate manner and demonstrating the exercise undertaken. Expected word count is 7, 500 words. In addition, one digital copy of the final work to be uploaded to Blackboard.	100	

Aims

The first stage - to undertake an extensive piece of applied research with guidance

from a selected tutor on a topic either directly or indirectly related to the subject of Architecture. To develop a programme of research and activity using both primary and secondary material - whilst sourcing appropriate information from many and varied sources.

The second stage is to prepare sufficient material to allow a tutor and a Study Panel to understand the focus and intent of the study - with reference to research methods and outcomes.

The final stage is to undertake the writing of the 'Specialist Study' which involves the preparation and development of the final assessed piece of the work. This is usually in an illustrated, written and bound form (two hard copies) - with one digital copy being deposited on Blackboard.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Investigate an architectural subject using a mix of sources (both primary and secondary) in order to develop an intelligent and correctly constructed dissertation.
- 2 Evaluate and present the results of their research to both peers and assessors in an appropriate and organised way.
- 3 Submit a substantial piece of referenced specialist research (using standard conventions) that have been agreed with both tutor and panel members.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Dissertation	1	2	3
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Outline Syllabus

This module will take place in the Second Semester and will give the student the opportunity to work independently on a research area of their choice. It will develop skills which will be useful in career development and progression. The initial subject and tutor selection will take place in Semester One and this will be developed in Module 7111AR. This will give students sufficient time to establish initial plans of research and consider their topic in the wider context. The topic selection will be tutor led but students will have the opportunity to select a topic of their own choice under negotiation. The writing process will be guided by a series of seminars and essentially the outcome will be an academic dissertation.

Learning Activities

One initial lecture will summarise the intent and purpose of the Specialist Study. Each student will be assigned a personal tutor in the first semester (see 7111AR) and will attend regular tutorials throughout the duration of the study. Students will

also attend a review panel in groups and will prepare a seminar style presentation summarising the research and presenting this in an appropriate manner to a staff/student panel. This concluding panel will be timetabled during the final stages of the module in Semester Two.

In addition, there will be three seminars on writing, referencing and final submission requirements timetabled at appropriate times during the module.

Each student will submit two copies of the completed piece of work - fully referenced and illustrated. A digital copy needs to be uploaded to Blackboard.

Notes

Welcome to the Specialist Study module. This module provides the opportunity for you to produce a substantial piece of written work based upon extensive research of your chosen subject area as defined in 7111AR/3. It is the chance for you to develop ideas and explore in detail an area of the subject of Architecture which lies beyond the immediacy of the design process.