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Title: Diplomacy and Security Studies Dissertation
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 60 **Total Delivered Hours:** 48
Total Learning Hours: 600 **Private Study:** 552

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Year Long & NS Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Online	48

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	15000 word Dissertation	100	

Aims

The module enables students to investigate in depth a topic within the field of diplomacy and security studies. Students can select their own research area, but this is subject to authorisation of the course leader. The dissertation must include independent and original research.

Students will be required to submit a formal dissertation plan. Once this has been approved, students will be allocated a dissertation tutor, and for the remainder of the

module, supervision of the dissertation will be conducted on an individual basis. It is expected that pertinent knowledge and skills gained in other course modules will be reflected in the dissertation.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate and process primary and secondary data within the context of specified research objectives.
- 2 Critically develop a coherent and analytical argument which is related to the initial problem or hypothesis.
- 3 Reflect critically on the nature and purpose of research in relation to policing, international relations security and criminal justice both collaboratively and cooperatively.
- 4 Critically link empirical data, theory generation and practice within an organised and coherent piece of writing.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

15000 word Dissertation	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

Negotiated Work-Related learning project which includes a review of key research methods and the procedures for ethical approval from the university, if needed.

Learning Activities

Online lectures and the provision of an asynchronous online message board.

An on-line induction session will be supported by on-line forums.

Students will be expected to engage in self-directed learning to develop their knowledge of the field. The module will adopt a reflective approach to the subject matter providing the tools required to develop student learning and independent on-line study. It will offer several on-line teaching strategies and digital resources in order to support practical application.

Notes

The dissertation allows the student to undertake an independent and sustained piece of research into a substantive topic of his or her own choosing. The dissertation must include appropriate extended piece of empirical or theoretical research on a topic in the diplomacy and security studies field.