

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7211MAR
Formal Module Title	Theory and Research 2: thesis studies - critical writing and design research
Owning School	Liverpool School of Art & Design
Career	Postgraduate (non LJMU framework)
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Liverpool School of Art & Design

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	6
Seminar	14
Tutorial	38

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	AS1 - 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 referencing sourcing appropriate information from many and varied sources. 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. 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 submitted to Canvas but may also be in an illustrated, written and bound hard copy. AS2 – to understand the functional, technical, environmental and cultural context of the proposed thesis project. To set the proposed brief within the wider urban context and understand the ramifications of a proposed development upon its surroundings. To analyse and critically synthesise lessons from previous examples of responses to similar design problems to create a comprehensive briefing document for the thesis project.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Investigate an architectural subject using a mix of sources (both primary and secondary) in order to develop an intelligent and correctly constructed dissertation
MLO2	2	Undertake a substantial piece of referenced specialist research (using standard conventions) critically exploring an agreed hypothesis and analysing the outcomes of that research.
MLO3	3	Clearly articulate and evidence an understanding of the functional and organisational basis of the brief for their thesis proposal.
MLO4	4	Explain, analyse and evaluate through the use of appropriate design precedents an understanding of the nature of previous solutions to similar problems.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	This module will take place in the First 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 Two of MArch year 1 and this will be developed in Module 7111MAS. 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 normally the outcome will be an academic dissertation.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	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 7111MAS. 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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	Essay	80	0	MLO1, MLO2
Report	Report	20	0	MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Dominic Wilkinson	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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