

Dissertation

Module Information

2022.01, Approved

Summary Information

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| Module Code | 7500CATSCI |
| Formal Module Title | Dissertation |
| Owning School | Biological and Environmental Sciences |
| Career | Postgraduate Taught |
| Credits | 60 |
| Academic level | FHEQ Level 7 |
| Grading Schema | 50 |

Teaching Responsibility

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| LJMU Schools involved in Delivery |
| LJMU Partner Taught |

Partner Teaching Institution

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| Institution Name |
| Centre for Alternative Technology |

Learning Methods

| Learning Method Type | Hours |
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| Lecture | 7 |
| Tutorial | 33 |
| Workshop | 5 |

Module Offering(s)

| Display Name | Location | Start Month | Duration Number Duration Unit |
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| SEP-PAR | PAR | September | 44 Weeks |

Aims and Outcomes

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| Aims | a) To demonstrate students' ability to explore a relevant research topic in depth, with appropriate research methods, displaying creativity and analytical skills.b) For students to become familiar with the procedures and conventions of academic scholarship.c) Time manage the completion of the research investigation, and the submission of a research dissertation |
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

| Code | Number | Description |
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| MLO1 | 1 | Plan and undertake an extended independent piece of original research and writing upon a topic of their choosing within the field of food and natural resources, sustainable ecology and behaviour change |
| MLO2 | 2 | Competently choose appropriate research methods and tools for data collection and analysis. |
| MLO3 | 3 | Critically interpret the results in relation to existing knowledge. |
| MLO4 | 4 | Critically evaluate the methodologies, analysis, conclusions and relevance, and where appropriate, propose new hypotheses from congruent argument, of current research and advanced scholarship. |

Module Content

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| Outline Syllabus | This is the Dissertation Module, which culminates the work on the MSc programme. Teaching and learning is by tutorial-supported student work on the preparation of this major academic study. After an initial seminar group meeting involving other students, tuition is mainly on an individual basis. Students submit their Research Design Proposal and must have tutor approval before proceeding to work on their dissertation. |
| Module Overview | |
| Additional Information | The Research Design Proposal is submitted for marking before the formal dissertation period starts, whereupon is it allocated 10% of the dissertation portfolio mark. This RDP forms the basis of communication between the student and supervisor for preparation for the study proper. The student may only begin formal research as part of the dissertation once the supervisor gives permission to go ahead (permissions are based on the RDP quality, the ethics approval and risk assessment). |

Assessments

| Assignment Category | Assessment Name | Weight | Exam/Test Length (hours) | Module Learning Outcome Mapping |
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| Report | Research Design Proposal | 10 | 0 | MLO1, MLO2 |
| Dissertation | Dissertation | 90 | 0 | MLO1, MLO3, MLO4 |

Module Contacts

Module Leader

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| Contact Name | Applies to all offerings | Offerings |
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| Colm Bowe | Yes | N/A |
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Partner Module Team

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| Contact Name | Applies to all offerings | Offerings |
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