

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: MSC IAF DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7509AE** (103469)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School  
Teaching School/Faculty: Dublin Business School

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 60.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 8.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 600  
**Private Study:** 592

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	8.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	To produce a Research Dissertation of 20,000 words.	100.0	

### Aims

*To enable the student to develop a Dissertation, applying accounting concepts and techniques to an accounting problem or issue with significant implications to a chosen organisation and/or industry.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Use a range of scientific research techniques to help explore and explain, and, if

- appropriate, to resolve an accounting issue or problem
- 2 Select, evaluate and apply current theoretical concepts relating to an accounting issue
  - 3 Apply critically a range of theoretical concepts to the accounting issue or problem
  - 4 Derive effective conclusions or recommendations to an accounting issue or problem
  - 5 Evaluate the potential implications of the implementation of any recommendations or conclusions
  - 6 Reflect on participant development of learning, knowledge, and skills during the preparation of the dissertation

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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## Outline Syllabus

*Students will have completed a module in Scientific Research Methods and produced a proposal prior to the assignment of a Supervisor. Students will meet with their Supervisor on a regular basis during the development of the Dissertation. The agenda of each meeting will vary according to the needs of the student.*

## Learning Activities

A detailed progression map is outlined and agreed between the student and his/her supervisor over the course of the module. This map is updated at every meeting and both parties ensure they work towards deadlines in a timely fashion.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Argyrous, G
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Statistics for Research with a Guide to SPSS
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	2nd edition, Sage Publications: London 1412919487
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Coffey, A and Atkinson, P
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1997
<b>Title</b>	Making Sense of Qualitative Data
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	

<b>Publisher</b>	London: Sage
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Gill, K and Johnson, P
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1997
<b>Title</b>	Research Methods for Managers
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Paul Chapman
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Hughes, J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1980
<b>Title</b>	The Philosophy of Social Research
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	2nd edition, Harlow: Pearson Longman
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Pallant, J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	SPSS Survival Manual
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	3rd edition, Open University Press 0335216404
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

The Dissertation, is 20,000 words (excluding appendices), incorporating reflections on learning, applying accounting concepts and techniques to an issue or problem with significant implications for any organization or industry. Detailed guidelines are set out in the Dissertation Guidebook for Students and Supervisors.

Students are required to submit two bound hard copies and an electronic copy or CD Rom copy.