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Title: DISSERTATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7509SACADV** (110230)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health  
Teaching School/Faculty: MAHSA College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7      **Credit Value:** 60.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 32.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 600      **Private Study:** 568

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	12.000
Tutorial	20.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Dissertation	AS1	Coursework: 100% Option 1: Dissertation Report up to 15,000 words or Option 2: journal format dissertation up to 7,500 words plus viva voce examination	100.0	

### Aims

1. To enable students to develop the skills necessary to plan and execute a research

*project that is relevant to their area of study.*

*2.To effectively communicate research outcomes to an appropriate audience*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Synthesise material from various sources in order to identify, define and defend an appropriate research question.
- 2 Apply methodological rigour in the use of appropriate methods and techniques for problem analysis and investigation
- 3 Critically evaluate the implications of research findings.
- 4 Communicate research findings using agreed standards of convention.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

dissertation                      1    2    3    4

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Justification for research project, secondary data collection, ethical committee approval, primary data collection, construction of questionnaires, data analysis and evaluation and dissertation structure and format*

## **Learning Activities**

Presentation of research proposal, Group seminars, Individual tutorials

## **References**

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Bell, J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1991
<b>Title</b>	Doing your research project
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Open University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	DePoy E, Gitlin L
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1993
<b>Title</b>	Introduction to research
<b>Subtitle</b>	

<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Mosby
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Mitchell, M Jolly J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1992
<b>Title</b>	Research design explained
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Robson, C
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1994
<b>Title</b>	Real world research
<b>Subtitle</b>	Lippincott Williams
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Glutton A
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1998
<b>Title</b>	Writing the winning dissertation
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Thousand Oaks
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Blaxter, L.C: Tight, M
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1998
<b>Title</b>	'How to Research'
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Rudestam, KE: Newton, RR
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2001
<b>Title</b>	'Surviving Your Dissertation :A comprehensive guide to content and process'
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	Second Edition

<b>Publisher</b>	Sage, London
<b>ISBN</b>	0-7619-1962-7

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### **Notes**

The dissertation provides the students with an opportunity to carry out their own piece of quality research. Students will be required to complete a learning agreement, that will be approved by their supervisor. As part of this agreement, students who undertake the journal format, must select an appropriate journal, and follow the journal's house style.