

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Dissertation

Reference	ACM007	Version	5
Created	July 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	October 2002	SCQF Points	30
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	15

Aims of Module

To develop abilities in the scholarly assessment, evaluation and interpretation of source material and its development through literate and critical argument.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Use a systematic approach to information acquisition and retrieval.
- 2 Apply an analytical and critical approach to theoretical and conceptual ideas and other information in architectural design studies.
- 3 Assemble a coherent, well-structured and intelligible dissertation.
- 4 Undertake independent learning via Personal Professional Development in the area, to learn skills and knowledge in theory and practice enabling students to gain self-awareness as a developing learner and to plan actions that will enhance personal and career development.

Indicative Module Content

The module will provide opportunities for exploration of practical and philosophical issues raised by the progression of the dissertation and associated activities such as research, data analysis and interpretation through regular tutorial contact.

Module Delivery

The module will be introduced through a topic selection seminar followed by regular tutorial contact throughout the period negotiated with individual members of staff.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	32	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	268	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	300	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	A written dissertation of approximately 10,000 words (10% + or -), resulting from a rigorous process of independent, critically focused study.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The overall module grade is based on 100% weighting of Component 1 (Dissertation). An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module. Non-submission will result in an NS grade.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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