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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Dissertation

Reference	SUM500	Version	2
Created	June 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	June 2012	SCQF Points	60
Amended	December 2017	ECTS Points	30

### Aims of Module

To develop skills and intellectual abilities in the investigation, assessment, evaluation and interpretation of a variety of relevant source material and its reiteration through literature, 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 using the full range of available search techniques.
- 2 Critically analyse theoretical ideas and other information.
- 3 Conduct a critical review of the literature relevant to the topic under investigation.
- 4 Develop a focused aims statement and formulate an appropriate methodology for testing.
- 5 Assemble a coherent, well-structured and intelligible dissertation written to professional standards.

### Indicative Module Content

There is no predetermined syllabus for this module. Instruction will be provided to suit the needs of individual students. Further training in research methods will be provided where appropriate.

### Module Delivery

Delivery of the module is through independent study and working by the student supported by supervisor lead tutorial sessions. Students are directed to follow a structured research methods programme available online and are supported by personalised tutorials and focused workshops where appropriate.

### Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	30	30
Non-Contact Hours	570	570
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	600	600
<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: 25%      Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: Participation in activities, both independent and collaborative, along with submission of a research proposal.

**Component 2**

Type: Coursework      Weighting: 75%      Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Description: An individual written dissertation.

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

In order to pass the module students should achieve a mark of at least 40% and an overall grade of D or better.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	70% or greater.
<b>B</b>	60% or greater.
<b>C</b>	50% or greater.
<b>D</b>	40% or greater
<b>E</b>	35% or greater.
<b>F</b>	Less than 35%
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module 120 credits at SCQF 11 or equivalent.

Corequisites for module None.

Precluded Modules None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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