

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	DISSERTATION		
MODULE CODE	BC3010(L6)	CREDIT VALUE	20 credits/ 10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT		

MODULE AIMS

The aim of this module is to enable students to develop further their discipline-based knowledge and skills by undertaking research on a topic or issue relevant to their programme of study. The module provides students with the opportunity to plan and manage their own piece of research, integrating and applying knowledge from their programme of study. It enables them to demonstrate via an extended piece of written work their ability to collect, analyse and evaluate information and data and present findings.

MODULE CONTENT

- The dissertation process and stages
- Identifying a topic or issue deemed appropriate to your programme of study
- Identifying and undertaking a critical and analytical review of relevant literature
- Critical analytical writing
- Developing coherent arguments
- Managing your notes and planning and managing your dissertation document
- Working with your dissertation supervisor
- Learning from supervisor feedback
- Developing and defining the aim(s) and objectives of the research
- Determining an appropriate research approach and strategy
- Identifying and developing appropriate research methods
- Consideration of ethical issues relating to your research
- Undertaking the research fieldwork or data collection
- Analysing and synthesising the information or data collected
- Formulating conclusions
- Reviewing, editing and proof checking
- Submission requirements

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

Identify and formulate an appropriate research question.

Demonstrate a critical understanding of the literature and core concepts and theories underpinning the research topic or issue.

Plan and carry out a research project with limited supervision

Acquire, critically analyse and evaluate relevant information from both primary and secondary sources as appropriate.

Demonstrate their ability to produce an extended piece of written work presenting information and drawing conclusions in a reasoned and comprehensible form.

TEACHING METHODS

Students are supported in their research question by workshops and dissertation supervision.

Workshops

The workshops are timetabled activities designed to support the student through the research process and to stimulate their knowledge of the stages and requirements of the dissertation. They provide a forum for students to share experiences, critiques, challenges and ideas. Students will present draft plans at the workshops and engage in constructive criticism designed to improve and develop their research plans.

Dissertation Supervision

Individual meetings with designated dissertation supervisor at times agreed between the student and the supervisor. Supervisors provide in-depth subject specific guidance. It will be the primary responsibility of the student to manage the relationship with the supervisor.

Students will be expected to meet with their allocated supervisor, agree a schedule of meetings, discuss refinements to their research proposal, submit timely drafts of their chapters, and receive supervisor feedback on their draft chapters.

Graduate Attributes and Skills Development

Planning, goal setting, research skills, time management, ability to work independently, communication skills (verbal and written), ability to analyse complex information and draw conclusions.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through their dissertation (100%).