



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Information Systems Dissertation		
Module Code	UFCFM5-30-3	Level	Level 6
For implementation from	2018-19		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Computer Science and Creative Technologies
Department	FET Dept of Computer Sci & Creative Tech		
Contributes towards	Information Technology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] BSc (Hons) 2018-19		
Module type:	Project		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	Information Systems Dissertation 2017-18		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Educational Aims: The information systems dissertation is an individual research project which enables the student to select and investigate a topic of interest beyond the normal level of treatment in the taught modules. It is primarily an academic intellectual exploration of a relevant topic or issue undertaken through selection, analysis and synthesis of the literature. A key component of the module is exposure to the rigors of researching, planning and time management associated with any significant individual study and through this exposure to provide a focus for the development of appropriate tools, skills and disciplines necessary for the successful completion of the project.</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: The subject of the dissertation may stem from the student's own interests, perhaps developed from their placement or other prior experience, or from the research interests of staff.</p> <p>In all cases students are expected to: identify clear aims and scope for their investigation;</p>

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undertake a survey of relevant literature; treat material critically and demonstrate their understanding of the relationship between material covered in the taught modules and the specific topic studied. The literature survey may be supplemented with empirical work if appropriate, but tutor guidance should always be sought before embarking on this. In concluding the dissertation, students should appraise their achievements in relation to the stated aims of their investigation and the methods used to research and write up the dissertation.

Teaching and Learning Methods: Scheduled learning includes start of year briefings and workshops followed by regular supervision meetings, as described above. Termly larger group review meetings will also be scheduled to help students take stock of their progress, receive feedback from staff and peers and adjust their plans to ensure successful completion of the module.

Independent learning includes hours: engaging with literature searching and reading; analysis, synthesis and critical review of relevant material; drafting and refining dissertation content. Independent work may also involve attendance at workshops and talks relevant to the student's chosen topic, as well as engagement with online resources and subject experts, as appropriate to the topic.

Part 3: Assessment

Assessment is based on the final written dissertation, including supporting evidence and information included as appendices. The dissertation should be a maximum of 12,000 words in length, excluding appendices and is normally submitted towards the end of the second teaching block. Detailed assessment criteria will be published annually in the module handbook but will include the following:

clarity of definition of aims and scope of the dissertation;

breadth and/or depth, currency and appropriateness of academic content underpinning;

use of appropriate perspectives and techniques to marshal and evaluate arguments and evidence from a range of sources;

structure, layout, clarity and accuracy of expression and overall argument;

accuracy, completeness and consistency of citation and listing of sources, in UWE Harvard format .

evidence of effective project planning and management, self-evaluation and learning.

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