



## **Module Specification**

### **Dissertation A**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Dissertation A

**Module code:** UBLLYV-30-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2022-23

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Environment & Technology

**Department:** FET Dept of Architecture & Built Environ

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Architecture and the Built Environment

**Module type:** Project

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** In addition to the Learning Outcomes, on successful completion of this module students will be able to:

Manage an extended piece of work in a self-directed manner, using a full range of

resources including those that are specialised or advanced within the field of study/practice

Produce a sophisticated, detailed and coherent piece of work in a structured, concise, well-presented and effective way

**Outline syllabus:** Introduction to the module – giving guidance on getting started, formulating research questions, deciding on a research approach, collecting information and ethics, putting together an outline proposal

Moving the dissertation forward – guidance on defining clear aims and objectives, writing the literature review, using the library, conducting research.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Contact time: 26 hours

Coursework preparation: 274 hours

Total study time: 300 hours

Each student will normally undertake independent study under the supervision of academic staff nominated by the dissertation programme coordinator.

A student can expect a minimum of 4 topic-related meetings with their supervisor.

Students may also be supported through large tutorial groups spread over the year, which focus on process-related issues in writing dissertations.

Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, assignment preparation and completion etc.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Define and justify a research question or hypothesis, demonstrating a broad knowledge of a field of study / practice, but selecting an area of specialisation in depth

**MO2** Demonstrate a grounding in existing work in the field of study, and explain how this informs the research strategy and demonstrate an understanding of the differences between a research methodology (or perspective), and research methods

**MO3** Evaluate the relevance and quality of information and data obtained from primary and/or secondary sources and demonstrate appropriate use of qualitative and quantitative research methods

**MO4** Critically review evidence supporting conclusions and recommendations and investigate contradictory information, taking into account its reliability, validity and significance

**MO5** Draw conclusions, reflecting on the research and independent personal analysis and demonstrate an awareness of the limitations of the work

**MO6** Critically reflect on the relevance of the research findings to academic theory and industry practice.

**MO7** Demonstrate an awareness of research ethics by completing the current approval process of the university.

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 274 hours

Face-to-face learning = 26 hours

Total = 300

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ublllyv-30-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ublllyv-30-3.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** The dissertation is assessed as follows:

Gateway Task 1 (5% of marks) - early in the module - topic selection, review of contextual publications, research timetable plan.

Gateway Task 2 (10% of marks) - quarter way through module - research question, aims & objectives. review of academic publications. Research methodology – selection and justification.

Gateway Task 3 (pass/fail) - half way through module - Ethics approval.

Complete Dissertation submission (85% weighting). The complete dissertation is submitted towards the end of the module.

Resit assessment will include a completed report of 10,000 words, with attachments of the A2 summary poster and the portfolio of evidence required at each gateway. Gateway 3 (ethics pass/fail) will also apply to any resit submission.

### **Assessment tasks:**

#### **Dissertation - Component A (First Sit)**

Description: Dissertation (10,000 words) and one A2 summary poster attachment

Weighting: 85 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

**Portfolio - Component A (First Sit)**

Description: Gateway Activity 1 - Review of wider subject area and selection of research topic

Weighting: 5 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2

**Portfolio - Component A (First Sit)**

Description: Gateway 2: Objectives and Review of Academic Literature.

Weighting: 10 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

**Portfolio - Component B (First Sit)**

Description: Gateway 3: Research Methodology and Ethics approval.

Automated activities and reviewed tasks.

This is a Pass/Fail assessment.

Weighting:

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO7

**Dissertation - Component A (Resit)**

Description: Dissertation (10,000 words) and attachments (A2 summary poster, gateway tasks)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

**Portfolio - Component B (Resit)**

Description: Gateway 3: Research Methodology and Ethics approval.

Automated activities and reviewed tasks.

This is a Pass/Fail assessment.

Weighting:

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO7

## **Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Construction Project Management [BIET] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [AustonSingapore] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [BIET] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [AustonSingapore] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [AustonSingapore] BSc (Hons)  
2022-23

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [BIET] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

[Feb][FT][AustonSingapore][18months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][FT][AustonSingapore][16months] BSc  
(Hons) 2021-22

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

[May][FT][AustonSingapore][18months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [May][FT][BIET][16months] BSc  
(Hons) 2021-22

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

[Sep][FT][AustonSingapore][18months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Feb][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][AustonSingapore][16months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][FT][AustonSingapore][16months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][FT][AustonSriLanka][2yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][FT][AustonSriLanka][2yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][AustonSriLanka][2yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Jun][FT][AustonSriLanka][2yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][BIET][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [May][PT][BIET][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][BIET][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Property Development and Planning [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Real Estate [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Building Surveying [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][AustonSingapore][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21



Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][AustonSingapore][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [May][PT][AustonSingapore][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][AustonSriLanka][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [May][PT][AustonSriLanka][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][AustonSriLanka][20months] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction and Property Studies [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Real Estate [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Real Estate {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Building Surveying [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Building Surveying {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Property Development and Planning [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Property Development and Planning {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Construction Project Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Construction Project Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Building Services Engineering {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BEng (Hons) 2019-20

Construction and Property Studies [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Construction and Property Studies {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Construction and Property Studies [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Property Development and Planning {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Building Surveying [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Real Estate {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Building Surveying {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Building Surveying {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management {Foundation}[Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Construction and Property Studies {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Building Services Engineering [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BEng (Hons) 2020-21

Building Services Engineering [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BEng (Hons) 2019-20