



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: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Architecture & Built Environ

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

Field: CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY

Module type: Module

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:

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

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

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

Dissertation - submission (85% weighting) (12,000 words). The complete dissertation is submitted towards the end of the module.

Resit Portfolio Gateway 1 - a second chance to formally start with the dissertation will be given some time after the first.

resit Portfolio Gateway 2 - a second chance to submit a progress draft of the dissertation will be given some time after the first.

Resit Pass/fail - a second chance to formally complete the ethics process will be given some time after the first.

Resit Dissertation - will include a completed report of 12,000 words.

Assessment components:

Dissertation (First Sit)

Description: Dissertation (12,000 words)

Weighting: 85 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

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

Portfolio (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 (First Sit)

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

Weighting: 10 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Portfolio (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 (Resit)

Description: Dissertation (12,000 words)

Weighting: 85 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

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

Portfolio (Resit)

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 (Resit)

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

Weighting: 10 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Portfolio (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:

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

[Feb][FT][AustonSingapore][18months] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

[May][FT][AustonSingapore][18months] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

[Sep][FT][AustonSingapore][18months] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [Feb][FT][AustonSingapore][16months] BSc
(Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][AustonSingapore][16months] BSc
(Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [May][FT][AustonSingapore][16months] BSc
(Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [Feb][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Construction Project Management [May][FT][BIET][16months] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc
(Hons) 2021-22

Building Surveying [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][AustonSriLanka][3yrs] - Withdrawn BSc
(Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][PT][AustonSingapore][20months] BSc
(Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][AustonSingapore][20months] BSc
(Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][AustonSingapore][20months] BSc
(Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs]
BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][PT][AustonSriLanka][3yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][AustonSriLanka][3yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Real Estate [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Property Development and Planning [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][BIET[20months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][BIET][20months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][PT][BIET][20months] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Construction and Property Studies [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Real Estate {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Property Development and Planning [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Property Development and Planning {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Real Estate [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Building Surveying {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Building Surveying [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction Project Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Building Services Engineering {Foundation} [Oct][FT][GCET][4yrs] BEng (Hons) 2020-21

Building Services Engineering {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BEng (Hons) 2020-21

Building Services Engineering {Foundation} [Feb][FT][GCET][4yrs] BEng (Hons)
2020-21

Construction and Property Studies [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Construction and Property Studies {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc
(Hons) 2020-21

Real Estate {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Building Surveying [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Building Surveying {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons)
2019-20

Building Surveying {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Property Development and Planning {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA
(Hons) 2019-20

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc
(Hons) 2019-20

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management
{Foundation}[Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management {Apprenticeship-UWE}
[Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Construction Project Management {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc
(Hons) 2019-20

Construction and Property Studies [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Construction and Property Studies {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc
(Hons) 2019-20

Building Services Engineering [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BEng (Hons) 2021-22

Building Services Engineering [Sep][PT][Frenchay][5yrs] BEng (Hons) 2020-21