

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Code: UMEN49-60-M

Title: Dissertation

Version: 2

Level: M

UWE credit rating: 60

ECTS credit rating: 30

Module type: Dissertation

Owning Faculty: FBL

Field: Economics

Valid from: September 2004
(Revised September 2005)

Discontinued from:

Pre-requisites: none

Co-requisites: none

Excluded combinations: none

Learning outcomes:

The dissertation provides the student with the opportunity to work under supervision to produce a research project of Masters standard. As a result of preparing the dissertation, students should be able to:

- Define a feasible and clear area of research and formulate and present an appropriate research project.
- Critically review and evaluate relevant literature
- Choose and use relevant research methods
- Show familiarity with appropriate theoretical explanations of the observed phenomena.
- Show independent and critical thought.
- Produce a well structured, argued and presented piece of written work

There may also be opportunities to study abroad or in relevant organisations subject to agreement with the organisation in question.

Syllabus outline:

- Production of a preliminary research proposal and the development of this under the guidance of an assigned supervisor. The topic will normally bear a clear relation to the students' chosen path.
- Production of a literature review under the guidance of the supervisor.
- Undertaking planned research under the guidance of the supervisor.
- Production of a written dissertation

Teaching and learning methods:

Students will produce a draft research proposal in discussion with the module co-ordinator and will be assigned supervisors. Student and supervisor will then have one-to-one supervisory meetings.

Indicative sources:

- Allan, G and Skinner, C (eds) Handbook for Research Students in the Social Sciences, 1991.
- Bell, Judith, Doing Your Research Project, 2nd ed, 1999, OU Press.
- Daniel Dorling and Stephen Simpson (eds) (1999) "Statistics in Society", Arnold
- Intriligator, M, Bodlin, R and C Hsaio "Econometric Models, Techniques and Applications" Prentice Hall, Prentice Hall, 1996. In particular chapter on doing an applied econometrics project.
- Teitelbaum, Harry, How to Write a thesis, 3rd ed, 1998, Petersons.
- Examples of previous MA dissertations can be found in the library

- Various useful links to data and resources are available through the LTSN website. In particular:
<http://www.economics.ltsn.ac.uk/links/sources.htm>

Assessment:

Weighting between components A and B A: 100% B: N/A

ATTEMPT 1

First Assessment Opportunity

Component A

1 Dissertation

Element Weighting

100%

Second Assessment Opportunity (further attendance at taught classes is/is not required)

Component A

1 Dissertation

Element Weighting

100%

SECOND (OR SUBSEQUENT) ATTEMPT N/A

Specification confirmed byChair's action following VARSC

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