



Module Specification

Dissertation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation

Module code: UBLMSJ-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: Faculty of Environment & Technology

School: FET Dept of Architecture & Built Environ

Partner institutions: None

Field: Architecture and the Built Environment

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: Research and Design Strategies 2023-24

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: See Learning Outcomes

Outline syllabus: The aim of this module is to provide students with an opportunity to display a high degree of autonomy through the management and production of an extended piece of individual work at level three.. The students will be expected to

use a range of resources to include those which are specialised or advanced within their field of study/practice, to critically review evidence supporting conclusions and recommendations and investigate contradictory information, taking into account its reliability, validity and significance.

Students will understand the philosophical bases of research in design, architecture the arts and social sciences and be aware of the linkages between theory, data, analysis and interpretation. They will also develop an appreciation of the role and impact of the researcher in the research process.

Students will need to become aware of current research in their specialist and allied fields, and be able to develop their ability to review research critically and rigorously, reinforcing the methodological principles taught through module. Students will be expected to have gained an understanding of different research approaches and methodologies and produced a synopsis within the preceding level 2 module.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Learning will be shaped by the individual student in developing their research project which will require the academic rigour expected at the final level of an undergraduate degree. The dissertation will be approximately 5,000 words excluding appendices. Students will be allocated a personal dissertation tutor who can offer support and guidance during the course of the module. The dissertation topic will be chosen in consultation with the dissertation supervisor, specialist members of staff and the dissertation coordinator of the programmes.

The module will comprise an introductory to outline the broad requirements of the module.

The preceding module at level 2 will help to identify research agendas and possible research questions that students can take forward. Individual tutorials with dissertation supervisors will allow for issues and queries to be dealt with as the research and analysis is undertaken from the end of year two to the date at which

the dissertation is formally submitted.

Contact Hours:

Lectures/workshops (L): 15 hours

Tutorials (T): 30 hours

Self Directed Learning: 115 hours

Total student hours 150 hours

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. Demonstrate how this informs the research strategy

MO2 Synthesise and correctly reference information from multiple sources

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 Plan, manage, complete and review a significant piece of independent written work

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 105 hours

Face-to-face learning = 15 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ublmsj-15-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ublmsj-15-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Assessment is based on the final written dissertation, including supporting evidence and information included as appendices. The dissertation should be a maximum of 5,000 words in length, excluding appendices. 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;

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.

Assessment tasks:

Dissertation (First Sit)

Description: Dissertation (5000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Dissertation (Resit)

Description: Dissertation (5000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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

Interior Architecture [Sep] [FT] [Frenchay] [3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Architecture and Planning [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

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

Architecture and Planning {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

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

Interior Architecture {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Interior Architecture (International) [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Interior Architecture [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Interior Architecture (International) [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Interior Architecture {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Interior Architecture (International) {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Interior Architecture (International) {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19