




MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Dissertation – Accounting and Finance		
Module Code	UMADMM-45-M	Level	M
For implementation from	September 2018		
UWE Credit Rating	45	ECTS Credit Rating	22.5
Faculty	FBL	Field	Accounting and Finance
Department	Accounting, Economics and Finance		
Contributes towards	MSc Accounting and Finance (<i>Compulsory</i>)		
Module type:	Masters dissertation		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	n/a		

Part 2: Description
<p>The module will provide students to integrate and apply the learning and skills acquired through the programme by writing a substantial piece of individual research which is relevant to practitioners and/or researchers in the field of accounting and financial management. This might involve the testing of hypotheses, developing theory, or the provision of logically supported practitioner recommendations. Students will be encouraged to use the full range of data sources and analysis tools provided for Accounting and Finance postgraduate students.</p> <p>The research skills necessary to undertake the dissertation will be provided in the separate <i>Research Methods in Accounting and Finance</i> module.</p> <p>The student will determine his or her own learning pattern. Each student will be guided by a suitably qualified supervisor. Once a student has been allocated a supervisor, he/she will agree upon a dissertation type and topic with their supervisor. There will then be periodic contact with that supervisor, during which time the student will report on the development of the research proposal into a formal plan of research, the review of existing literature and other information sources, data acquisition and analysis, and the development of discussions and a conclusion (or recommendations).</p>

Part 3: Assessment		
Component A – Dissertation max 15,000 words		
Students will build on their proposal prepared in the separate module Research Methods Accounting and Finance, to produce a piece of independent research in the field of accounting and financial management. Formative feedback and developmental support will be provided through supervisor meetings at various stages in the dissertation process.		
Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)	A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	100%	
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Dissertation max 15,000 words		
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. n/a	100%	
Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Dissertation max 15,000 words	100%	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. n/a		
Part 4: Learning Outcomes & KIS Data		
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and execute a significant piece of independent research in the field of financial management (A) • Write a critical literature review (A) • Identify, apply and defend an appropriate methodological approach to a research issue(A) • Apply quantitative and/or qualitative analysis of data to synthesise new knowledge and insights (A) • Evaluate the analytical and practical significance of research findings to produce practical conclusions and recommendations (A) • Apply practical project management and organisational skills.(A) 	

Key Information Sets Information (KIS)	Key Information Set - Module data																														
	Number of credits for this module					45																									
Contact Hours	Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours																										
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Total Assessment	The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a;																														
	<p>Written Exam: Unseen or open book written exam</p> <p>Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project or in class test</p> <p>Practical Exam: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam (i.e. an exam determining mastery of a technique)</p>																														
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Reading List	<p>Students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them through membership of the University. These include a range of electronic journals and a wide variety of resources available through web sites and information gateways. The University Library's web pages provide access to subject relevant resources and services, and to the library catalogue. Many resources can be accessed remotely. Students will be presented with opportunities within the curriculum to develop their information retrieval and evaluation skills in order to identify such resources effectively.</p> <p>Students will be provided with access to various data sources and encouraged to make full use of them.</p> <p>Because of the diversity of topics and research methods, there is no core text. However, if students wish to purchase a generic research methods text, an indicative list is provided in the Research Methods in Accounting and Finance module (UMADNS-15-M).</p> <p>Students will be expected to utilise a range of reading and other materials to undertake further independent research to extend their familiarity and appreciation of the subject. To this end, extensive use will be made of Blackboard, additionally, students will also be encouraged to utilise the study skills web pages.</p> <p><i>The reading list of this module can be accessed by using the following link:</i></p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/lists/475423EB-AAB3-821E-2E8E-BCD469D87D88.html</p>																														

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