



CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	Media and Culture Dissertation				
Module Code	UPPCU-30-3	Level	3	Version	
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	WBL module?	No
Owning Faculty	ACE	Field	Cultural Industries		
Department	Arts & Cultural Industries	Module Type	Project		
Contributes towards	BA(Hons) Media Culture & Practice, BA(Hons) Social Media & Cultural Practice, BA(Hons) Creative Media Design				
Pre-requisites		Co- requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations		Module Entry requirements			
Valid From		Valid to			

CAP Approval Date	
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Part 2: Learning and Teaching	
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the ability to define a coherent and practicable topic within Media and Cultural Studies that is of special interest to them; 2. the ability to clearly identify research questions to structure enquiries; 3. familiarity with the relevant debates; 4. the ability to work independently on research, to gather, organise, present and interpret research; 5. the ability to explain and evaluate research methods and to construct clear and persuasive arguments supported with appropriate examples; 6. the ability to produce work to required length and high presentation standards.
Syllabus Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The module consists of two main parts: • Workshops will help students develop and focus ideas, learn about research methods and resources, and to write a dissertation proposal. • Individual Tuition: students will be assigned a dissertation supervisor. Their role is to guide students individually through the process of researching and writing up their dissertation.
Contact Hours	The contact hours for a student on this module will be 12 hours of scheduled learning. 10 hours of this will be group contact, including lectures, seminars and student-led workshops. The remaining two hours will be for individual

tutorials in preparation for the final assignment. The student will be expected to conduct 228 hours of independent learning.

Teaching and Learning Methods

The module is taught through **scheduled learning** including lectures, seminars and tutorials supervision.

Students are expected to pursue **independent learning**, including 278 hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

Key Information Sets Information

Key Information Sets (KIS) are produced at programme level for all programmes that this module contributes to, which is a requirement set by HESA/HEFCE. KIS are comparable sets of standardised information about undergraduate courses allowing prospective students to compare and contrast between programmes they are interested in applying for.

Key Information Set - Module data				
Number of credits for this module				30
Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours
300	22	278	0	300

The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a -

- Written Exam:** Unseen written exam, open book written exam, In-class test
- Coursework:** Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project
- Practical Exam:** Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam

Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will not necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description:

Total assessment of the module:	
Written exam assessment percentage	0%
Coursework assessment percentage	100%
Practical exam assessment percentage	0%
	100%

Reading Strategy

Module staff will recommend readings to individual students according the needs of their projects.

Students will also be expected to find their own further reading in support of their particular projects.

All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them and through systems such as UWE online.

	<p>All essential reading will be accessible through online sources and will be indicated clearly in the module handbook. Instructions on how to access all readings for the course will be available on Blackboard. Training in the identification and evaluation of online research resources will be provided in taught sessions.</p> <p>The currency of information may wane during the lifetime of the specification, consequently current advice on readings will be available through more frequently updated mechanisms such as the handbook and intranet, and these will be revised annually.</p> <p>Some relevant materials will be made available in reading packs or on Blackboard where applicable, within the limits of what is permissible under the terms of the university's Copyright Licensing Agency license.</p>
Indicative Reading List	<p>Students are expected to develop their own reading, based on the needs of their individual projects.</p> <p>Lecturers will support this research and make suggestions, but the module does not have set reading</p>

Part 3: Assessment

Assessment Strategy	Students produce and 8000 word dissertation. Students are allocated a specialist supervisor, who will set up with the student a supervision schedule for the duration of the dissertation research and write-up period.		
	Criteria	Relates to learning outcomes	Source of evidence
	Identify a meaningful and workable topic	1,2, 3, 4	
	Engagement and position of topic within the field, Engagement with relevant concepts and debates	2, 3, 4, 5	A1, A2
	Relevant and focussed research using relevant academic sources and scholarly writing methods	3, 4, 5	A1, A2
	Structure and argument	4, 5, 6	A1, A2
	Clarity, referencing and presentation	5, 6	A1, A2

Identify final assessment component and element		
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	100%	
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting	
1. Dissertation (8000 words)	100%	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)	
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting
1. Dissertation (8000 words)	100%
<p>If a student is permitted a retake of the module under the University Regulations and Procedures, the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.</p>	