

<b>Module Title:</b>	Construction Management Dissertation
<b>Module Code:</b>	BSCS07H
<b>Level:</b>	6
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	None

**Module Description:**

This module aims to give students the opportunity to research a topic related to their programme of study. Students will select and negotiate a topic for study and research related to a site management or commercial management discipline. Students will be provided with supervision, but work on the dissertation will largely be independent and self-managed. Students will be expected to apply the approaches and techniques encountered in the Research Skills module.

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**Indicative Content:**

The content of the student's dissertation will depend upon the topic chosen. However, the guidance provided by the dissertation supervisor should include the following.

- Choosing a relevant and practicable topic for investigation
  - Inductive and deductive research
  - Timetable for completion of the dissertation
  - Generating research objectives
  - Critical literature review
  - Collecting information/data
  - Research methods and skills
  - Analysing data
  - Drawing conclusion and making recommendation
  - Writing and presenting the dissertation document
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**Learning and Teaching Methods:**

This module is completed largely through independent self-managed learning, though this will be supported by supervisory tutorials

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### Specific Learning Resources:

Specific to the title and subject area chosen

### Bibliography

#### Highly Recommended

Naoum, S.G. (2007) Dissertation Research Writing for Construction Students 2nd Edition Oxford: Elsevier Ltd

Fellows, R.F. & Liu, A. (2008) Research Methods for Construction 3rd Edition Chichester: John Wiley and Sons

#### Recommended

Weyers, J. & McMillan K. (2011) How to Write Dissertations and Project Reports London: Pearson

Swetnam D. & Swetnam R. (2011) Writing your Dissertation 3rd Edition Oxford: How to Books Ltd

Turk, C. & Kirkman, J. (2005) Effective Writing: Improving Scientific, Technical and Business Communication 2nd Edition Abingdon: Spon Press

Walliman, N.S.R. (2004) Your Undergraduate Dissertation: The Essential Guide for Success. London: Sage

#### Background Reading

Chappell, D. (1996) Report Writing for Architects 3rd Edition Oxford: Blackwell Science

Fink, A. (2009) How To Conduct Surveys: A Step-by-Step guide 4th Edition. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Oppenheim, A. N. (2000) Questionnaire Design, Interviewing, and Attitude Measurement (New Edition). London: Continuum

Kvale, S. & Brinkmann S. (2008) Learning the Craft of Qualitative Research Interviewing 2nd Edition London: Sage.

Yin, R. K. (2009) Case Study Research: Design and Methods 4th Edition London: Sage.

## Module Learning Outcomes

### Subject Specific Learning Outcomes

*On successful completion of this module you will be able to:*

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<b>LO 1</b>	Apply appropriate research and investigate existing bodies of knowledge that provide the student with new information related to an aspect of construction management.
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<b>LO 2</b>	Demonstrate the selection, identification, incorporation and acknowledgement of pertinent material drawn from others in the submission.
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<b>LO 3</b>	Create assumptions, develop arguments and demonstrate a position with
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evidence.

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**LO 4** | Communicate a position through an appropriate combination of verbal, written, graphic and visual means.

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**LO 5** | Critically summarise the evidence gathered and draw conclusions

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**Assessment Title or element****Weighting (%)**

Dissertation of 10,000 words\*

100%

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\*5 mark penalty per 1,000 words outside the range.

*Information correct at point of publication.*