

Module Title:	Individual Project
Module Code:	08H
Level:	6
Credits:	30
Pre-Requisites:	

Module Description:

This module allows students to engage in a substantial piece of individual product development work or research, focused on a topic relevant to the pathway. The project topic will be assessed for suitability to ensure sufficient academic challenge and satisfactory supervision by an academic member of staff.

The chosen topic will require the student to identify / formulate problems and issues, conduct literature reviews, evaluate information, investigate and adopt suitable development methodologies, determine solutions, develop hardware or software as appropriate, process data, critically appraise and present their findings. Regular meetings with the project supervisor should take place, so that the project is closely monitored and steered in the right direction. The assessment will include a substantial written report.

Indicative Content:

- Background study to become aware of current developments in the relevant area of interest
- Development of project
- Summary of findings in the form of a written report

Learning and Teaching Methods:

Students will have written a project proposal during the Project Preparation module and will now work individually to complete the Project. Each student will be assigned a supervisor, with whom they will meet regularly. A project support workshop will also be scheduled each week as a drop-in session. The student submits the final report and gives a presentation/demonstration to the supervisor and internal verifier at the end of the second semester.

Module Specifications: Schools of Business & Management & Information Technology

Specific Learning Resources:

None

Bibliography

Highly Recommended

Cottrell, S. (2014) *Dissertations and Project Reports: a step by step guide*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Dawson, C (2009) *Projects in Computing and Information Systems (2nd Edition)*.

Harlow, Pearson Education Ltd.

Recommended

Barker, M., Barker, D. and Pinard, K. (2011) *Internet Research (6th Ed)*. USA: South- Western College Publishing.

Cadle, J. and Yeates, D. (2008) *Project Management for Information Systems (5th Ed)*. Harlow: Pearson Education Ltd.

Cottrell, S. (2011) *Critical thinking Skills: developing effective analysis and argument (2nd Edition)*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Levin, P. (2005) *Excellent Dissertations!* London: Open University Press.

O'Dochartaigh, N. (2012) *Internet Research Skills*. London: Sage Publications Ltd.

Pears R. and Shields G. (2010) *Cite them Right (8th Edition)*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

Winstanley, C. (2009) *Writing a Dissertation for Dummies*. Chichester: John Wiley and Sons Ltd.

Module Learning Outcomes

Subject Specific Learning Outcomes

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

LO 1	Collect, organise, understand and interpret information from a variety of resources.
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LO 2	Identify, select and use appropriate techniques in developing solutions, and plan and implement tasks effectively.
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LO 3	Exhibit a sound knowledge in the subject area relating to the project, and communicate effectively, in a professional manner, in writing and orally.
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LO 4	Critically evaluate solutions and conclusions / recommendations.
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Assessment Title or element	Weighting (%)
Report (8,000 to 12,000 words) [end semester]	90%
Presentation/demonstration (20 mins including questions) [end semester]	10%

Information correct at point of publication.