

Full Title:	Research Studies
Language of Instruction:	English
Module Code:	RESA E8001
Credits:	5
Valid From:	Semester 1 - 2015/16 (September 2015)
Module Delivered in	2 programme(s)
Module Description:	This module aims to prepare students to undertake a dissertation by informing them of the importance, purpose and methods of research and presenting findings in advance of the dissertation module (stage 4). It also aims to direct students towards a topic of interest and to commence a literature review.
Learning Outcomes:	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate the purpose of research and the research processes as a means of establishing knowledge. 2. Explain the key components of a dissertation, including aims, objectives, hypothesis, rationale, methodology, literature review and research. 3. Identify and select a suitable building surveying topic for research. 4. Prepare an annotated bibliography on the chosen building surveying topic. 5. Prepare a dissertation proposal on the chosen building surveying topic, incorporating an annotated bibliography, in a professional format. 	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Research processes

Purpose of research; establishing knowledge; data collection (qualitative and quantitative, literature reviews, laboratory, questionnaires and interviews, case studies, plagiarism); data analysis, manipulation and observation (statistical)

Key components of dissertation

Aims, objectives, hypothesis, rationale, methodology, literature review and research

Organisation and layout of information in a technical report

Use of headings and numberings; style for readability; presentation of graphs and tables; use of Microsoft Word

Presentations and interviews

Preparation (choice of content, choice of format, intended audience); conduct of presentation (contact with audience, voice, use of ICT); conduct of interview (response to questions)

Assessment Breakdown

%

Course Work

100.00%

Full Time

Course Work

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Marks Out Of	Pass Marks	Assessment Date	Duration
Continuous Assessment	Identify and select a suitable building surveying topic for research and prepare an outline dissertation proposal	1,2,3	20.00	100	40	Week 6	0
Continuous Assessment	Prepare an annotated bibliography on the chosen building surveying topic.	1,2,4	40.00	100	40	Week 9	0
Continuous Assessment	Prepare a dissertation proposal on the chosen building surveying topic, incorporating an annotated bibliography, in a professional format.	1,2,3,4,5	40.00	100	40	Week 13	0

No Project

No Practical

No End of Module Formal Examination

Reassessment Requirement

No repeat examination

Reassessment of this module will be offered solely on the basis of coursework and a repeat examination will not be offered.

Reassessment Description

Students will be given an opportunity to remediate part or all of their CA performance by the autumn/repeat examination boards by repeating part or all of the same or similar CA.

DKIT reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

Module Workload & Resources

Workload: Full Time

Workload Type	Workload Description	Hours	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	Theoretical aspects of module content	2.00	Every Week	2.00
Practical	Practical exercises related to module content; general and individual guidance related to staged preparation of dissertation proposal	2.00	Every Week	2.00
Directed Reading	Staged preparation of dissertation proposal, incorporating an annotated bibliography	3.00	Every Week	3.00
Total Weekly Learner Workload				7.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours				4.00

This course has no Part Time workload.

Resources

Recommended Book Resources

Naoum S. 2013, *Dissertation research and writing for construction students*, 3rd ed. Ed., Routledge Oxford [ISBN: 0750682647]

Farrell, P. 2011, *Writing a Built Environment Dissertation: Practical Guidance and Examples*, Wiley-Blackwell Oxford [ISBN: 9781405198516]

This module does not have any article/paper resources

This module does not have any other resources

Module Delivered in

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
DK_EBSUR_8	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Building Surveying	5	Mandatory
658	Bachelor of Science in Construction Surveying	5	Mandatory