

Title of the Module/Unit	22. Dissertation
Module/Unit Description In this section kindly provide a brief description of the module	The module provides the student with an opportunity for a sustained period of independent study and research with an assigned individual supervisor. It allows a student to focus on management areas that are of particular interest, and it draws upon a range of different aspects of the taught programme particularly the Research Methods module. The student will identify a topic area of interest which they wish to develop further through their dissertation. This must be relevant to the programme. They will then write a short research proposal outlining the problem, research objectives and their proposed research strategy; including approaches, and, as relevant, arrangements for fieldwork, development of instruments and sample. They will be guided on how to effectively collect quantitative and/or qualitative data and will learn the importance of objectivity in all methods of research. Students doing qualitative methods will be introduced to the principle of reflexivity . Before starting on this journey the student will have a fruitful discussion with a supervisor about the proposed study. In certain cases, students must obtain ethical approval prior to data collection.
Learning Outcomes	Competences:
Autonomy and Responsibility: Collaborate, comply, deal with, ensure, be responsible for, carry out tasks, guide, supervise, monitor, authorise, manage, create, produce, represent, advise, negotiate, sell, etc.	At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Selecting research in a business management field whilst following established ethical standards. b) Establish and justify a business issue of strategic relevance that requires investigation. c) Review existing literature relevant to the research topic and undertake a systematic analysis of qualitative and/or quantitative data. d) Review and compile data in order to write a dissertation demonstrating logical consistency, structure and sound interpretation of facts and ideas.
Knowledge and Understanding: count, define, describe, draw, find, identify, label, list, match, name, quote, recall, recite, sequence, tell, write, etc.	Knowledge:
(Example of learning outcome structure: Action Verb + Object + Context <i>Identify basic different range of glassware and state their use.</i>)	At the end of the module/unit the learner will have been exposed to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Selection of a relevant management topic of academic interest. b) Making judgments concerning ethical research standards.

<p>Applying Knowledge and Understanding: apply, practice, demonstrate, show, plan, design, operate, assemble, use, construct, prepare, create, compose, arrange</p> <p>(Example of learning outcome structure: Action Verb + Object + Context <i>Apply principles of good practice to dispense, supply and administer medicinal products and other activities in a pharmacy.</i>)</p>	<p>c) A detailed understanding on selecting a particular area of relevance for a Dissertation.</p> <p>d) An in-depth knowledge of the relevant literature on the subject area of the dissertation.</p> <p>e) A critical understanding of the choices available in methodological design, its limitations and impact on conclusions.</p>
	<p>Skills:</p>
	<p>At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:</p> <p>a) Critically evaluate research and literature of relevance to a specific study.</p> <p>b) Employ qualitative and/or quantitative research methods to investigate a pertinent theme in the field.</p> <p>c) Relate modifications to existing knowledge and theoretical frameworks.</p> <p>d) Critically evaluate research findings to draw sound conclusions.</p> <p>e) Compute a report of the research, written and presented in a reasoned and coherent manner.</p>
	<p>Module-Specific Learner Skills <i>(Over and above those mentioned in Section B)</i></p> <p>At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to</p> <p>a) Write with clarity and precision about the research undertaken. b) Present research findings using suitable graphical, numerical, and/or textual representations.</p> <p>c) Act upon guidance given by dissertation supervisor to improve own research practices.</p> <p>d) Critically evaluate/ the processes and methods undertaken to achieve the dissertation objectives.</p>
	<p>Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences <i>(Over and above those mentioned in Section B)</i></p> <p>At the end of the module/unit, the learner will be able to</p> <p>a) Apply Digital skills to prepare and deliver presentations.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b) Exercise effective working skills through digital technology.c) Gather the research literature and documents through digital databases.d) Show a high level of competence in using online learning tools and resources.
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