



The University of Manchester



School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities  
Course Unit Descriptor

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	40
Course Unit Title	<b>Dissertation</b>
Unit Code	390
Unit Level	3
Contact Hours	12 hours (including dissertation study day)
FHEQ Level	6
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Director of Undergraduate Studies
ECTS	20

### EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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### AIMS

To enable students to explore a subject of their own choice and to introduce basic research techniques.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### Knowledge and Understanding

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a developed and mature knowledge of the subject studied

#### Intellectual Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Exercise initiative in gathering appropriate data
- Classify, analyse and evaluate the material collected
- Integrate the topic of research with broader theological issues
- If dealing with an applied topic, integrate practical and theoretical aspects of theology
- Exercise creative and independent thinking in the organisation and presentation of the

dissertation

### Practical Skills

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Work independently and innovatively at HE level
- Demonstrate research skills on a specific project
- Present a coherent, extended piece of work

### Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Present the outcomes of self-directed study and learning in a sustained piece of writing
- Show the ability to collect, analyse and evaluate appropriate data
- Demonstrate the ability to be self-disciplined and manage time effectively

### Employability Skills

The skills learned in researching and writing up a dissertation are transferrable and valuable in employment contexts. These skills include:

- the ability to collate information, evaluate it and present the outcomes of such research in a sustained piece of writing;
- the ability to be self-disciplined, manage time well and produce work to agreed deadlines.

### SYLLABUS

n/a

### TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

A study day followed by independent study

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
<b>Formative:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft text</li></ul>	n/a	n/a
<b>Summative:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A dissertation</li></ul>	Not more than 12000 words including footnotes, but excluding bibliographies and appendices	100%

### FEEDBACK METHODS

- Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 20 working days

### REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Available as Free Choice (UG)
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

**RECOMMENDED READING**

n/a

**SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS**

12 hours (including dissertation study day)

**PLACEMENT HOURS**

n/a

**INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS**

388 hours

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

**APPROVAL**

Date approved by UGC

Valid from Date (Publishing Date)

