

Module Details	
Module Title:	Dissertation
Module Code:	ARC6025-D
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	40
School:	School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences
Subject Area:	Archaeology, Forensic Science
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 6
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	30
Seminar	18
Project supervision	20
Directed Study	332

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Academic Year (Sept - May)

Module Aims
The module aims to develop students' abilities in independent research, providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate and enhance skills and knowledge acquired over the course of their degree programme through their application to a concentrated research project in a subject of the student's own choice.

Outline Syllabus
Each student pursues an individually agreed research topic, on a subject within the field of archaeological and/or forensic science as appropriate to their individual course of study (supervised by a member of academic staff). Within the programme of research the student

must: complete a research design which conforms to the requirements set by the Dissertation Handbook; present the aims and objectives of the research project as an oral presentation, encompassing the aims and objectives, a preliminary review of published work, research design, and materials and methods. Finally the student will present a substantial piece of independent work in accordance with the standards identified in the Dissertation Handbook.

Learning Outcomes

1	Critically review a topic through experimentation, laboratory analysis, documentary research, field research, or a combination of the above.
2	Formulate a Research Design, including the identification of research aims, research method and an assessment of risk/safety.
3	Synthesise data and formulate discussion and conclusions.
4	Critically analyse data.
5	Demonstrate developed oral and written presentation skills and time management skills.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Research is developed by individual meetings with staff to advise on project execution (typically 20 hours), skills development sessions (10), student presentations (18 hours), attending weekly guest lectures on research topics in archaeological and forensic sciences (20 hours) and by independent work.

Assessment tests ability to conduct independent research.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Presentation	Oral presentation of research context, aims, objectives and methods.	10 minutes	10%
Summative	Dissertation or Project Report	Dissertation	-8000 words	75%
Referral	Dissertation or Project Report	Dissertation	-8000 words	100%
Summative	Coursework	Research Design	-1000 words	15%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

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