

Module Title:	Dissertation by Practice
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	10
NFQ Level:	8
Module Delivered In	2 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Learners will be introduced to the theory of research in their lecture classes and will have an opportunity to develop their research skills & competency as part of their dissertation project assessment. The module aims to develop, not just theoretical knowledge, but also practical competence in research skills. The teaching & learning strategy is thus very practical and applied in nature including weekly supervision support for the learners. Students will develop the practice element of their dissertation through ongoing feedback and support from supervisors and the programme board.
Module Aim:	This module affords students the opportunity to combine creative practice with primary research and critical analysis. Principles of good research practice underpin the approach to developing an individual piece of work that is connected to and contextualized within existing fields of media scholarship. To undertake dissertation by practice students must have a track record of producing high-quality practice work. (ongoing grades in range of 2:1 to 1:1)

Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Prepare a research proposal with clearly defined research question, research objectives and approach to practice element.
LO2	Conduct independent research
LO3	Outline contribution to existing critical, theoretical and methodological approaches within a specified field of study
LO4	Produce a piece of media work that is connected to and illustrative of written thesis

Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules <i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>	
No requirements listed	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Research design

Definition & purpose of research; research approaches; research/practice topic generation; defining research questions and objectives; methodological strategy; writing a research proposal and practice outline, ethics in research.

Literature

Literature search - high quality academic literature; literature review process; citing and referencing relevant and timely literature; managing literature

Practice Element

Develop a media piece that is part of a coherent project alongside the elements of primary and secondary research. Media practice skills (web, video, photography, audio, written)

Research design

Reporting research, structure of research project, writing style, Harvard Referencing System.

Assessment Breakdown	%
Project	50.00%
Practical	50.00%

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecturer Supervised Learning	Every Week	0.25
Lecture	Every Week	1.50
Independent Learning Time	Every Week	7.00
Total Hours		8.75

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_DPCCS_B	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Content Creation and Social Media	7	Elective
CW_DPCCS_B	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Content Creation and Social Media	8	Elective