

COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM
for new course proposals and course amendments

Department/School:	School of Law	Academic Session:	Valid from 2010-11
Course Title:	Dissertation	Course Value: (UG courses = unit value, PG courses = notional learning hours)	1 unit
Course Code:	SO3011	Course JACS Code: (Please contact Data Management for advice)	L310
Availability: (Please state which teaching terms)	Autumn and Spring	Status: (i.e.: Core, Core PR, Compulsory, Optional)	Core
Pre-requisites:		Co-requisites:	
Co-ordinator:	Professor Ravinder Barn		
Course Staff:	TBA		
Aims:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enable students to demonstrate their skills as independent learners; 2. To give students the opportunity to research a topic in an area of Sociology or Criminology in detail to a higher level; 3. To provide an opportunity to submit a substantial piece of written work 		
Learning Outcomes:	<p>By the end of doing the dissertation a student will have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. shown that they are an independent learner; 2. researched a topic to a higher level; 3. submitted a substantial piece of written work; 4. shown that they can critically reflect on established literature; 5. shown indications of original thought 		
Course Content:	The course content will vary depending on the dissertation topic. Students will be required to undertake their dissertation on a topic in an area of Sociology or Criminology, as agreed by the Programme Director.		
Teaching & Learning Methods:	<p>Each student will be allocated a supervisor</p> <p>There will be 3 supervisory sessions (one in the summer term of Year 2, and one each in the autumn and spring terms of Year 3) and supervisors will be able to read and comment verbally on the dissertation outline and 1 draft of the dissertation</p>		
Details of teaching resources on Moodle:			
Key Bibliography:	The bibliography will vary depending on the dissertation topic.		
Formative Assessment & Feedback:	Students will submit a dissertation outline by the end of the Spring term of Year 2 – this will provide the basis for the first meeting with the supervisor		
Summative Assessment:	<p>Exam (0%) (hours)</p> <p>Coursework (100%) Dissertation (10,000 – 12,000 words)</p> <p>Deadlines: As per the student handbook issued at the start of term</p>		

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policy of continuous improvement and development. Every effort will be made to notify you of any such changes.