

## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MODULAR SCHEME

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| <b>Module code</b><br>4007   | <b>Module title</b><br>Dissertation   | <b>Module leader</b><br>David Lewis     |
| <b>School which owns module</b>  | School of Real Estate and Land Management (RELM)  |   |
| <b>Programme(s) to which module belongs</b>  | MSc Rural Estate Management (core)<br>MSc International Real Estate (core)<br>MSc Property Agency and Management (core) |   |
| <b>Module level</b><br>7   | <b>Module credits</b><br>60   | <b>Pre-requisites</b><br>None           |
| <b>Minimum study time</b><br>600 hours   | <b>Contact hours within study time</b><br>25  | <b>Teaching period</b><br>October - May |
| <p><b>Module content:</b></p> <p>Research on a topic to be agreed with the programme manager and potential supervisor. Guidance is given on approaches to research. The module will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The research process, including formulation of enquiry, critical review, research hypothesis, research strategies.</li> <li>• Research methods including qualitative and quantitative research techniques.</li> <li>• Analysis and presentation of research data.</li> <li>• Literature reviews and referencing.</li> </ul>  |   |   |
| <p><b>Module outcomes:</b></p> <p>To achieve credit for this module, students must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formulate a research proposal and develop, evaluate and apply appropriate problem solving and research skills to address a research enquiry.</li> <li>2. Relate a review of available literature to critical discussion of their own investigations.</li> <li>3. Select, evaluate and apply a range of suitable research techniques.</li> <li>4. Analyse and interpret information and data using appropriate statistical methods and present findings in an appropriate form.</li> <li>5. Prepare a fully referenced dissertation which demonstrates originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.</li> </ol> |   |   |
| <b>Assessment</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Weighting</b>                        |
| <b>Coursework</b>  | Dissertation  | 100%                                    |
| <p><b>Key Texts (students should be familiar with the content of at least one of the following):</b></p> <p><a href="#">RAC Master's Dissertation Guidance</a> Guidance on preparing your dissertation for</p>   |   |   |

Master's students.

Bell, J. (2005). *Doing Your Research Project: A Guide for First-time Researchers in Education and Social Science*. Open University.

Denscombe, M. (2007). *The Good Research Guide for Small-scale Social Research Projects*. (3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Oxford University Press.

Saunders, M., Lewis, P. and Thornhill, A. (2007). *Research Methods for Business Students*. (4<sup>th</sup> edition). Pearson Education.