

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Individual Master's Project
2	Module Credits	60
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	CMP7200

5	Module Overview
<p>The purpose of the module is to enable you to undertake a sustained, in-depth and research-informed Level 7 project exploring an area that is of personal interest to you. In agreement with your supervisor, you will decide upon your topic which will take the form of a practical outcome (artefact) with accompanying contextual material. The main consideration when choosing your topic is that it must be aligned to the programme you are studying and informed by the research strategy of your school, and you should consider the relevance of this topic to your future academic or professional development.</p> <p>At this level, you will be expected to work independently but you will receive additional one-to-one support from your supervisor, who will be familiar with your chosen topic area. As you progress on the module, extra support will be available and this may take the form of group seminars, workshops and online materials that will help to develop your project.</p> <p>This module is an opportunity for you to further develop not only academically, but it will also help you to extend life-long skills and attributes that identify you as a Masters-level graduate of BCU. These include being a creative problem solver, entrepreneurial, professional and work ready, and having a global outlook. In the context of technology-related industries, this means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing your ability to create work which demonstrates an advanced awareness of professional standards relevant to your discipline; • extending your application of successful project planning, which may include budgetary and other relevant constraints; • being innovative, experimental and pushing the boundaries of your discipline; • being able to effectively self-evaluate and reflect critically on your work and its potential impact, placing it within the context of relevant debates within your chosen medium. <p>Relationship with Programme Philosophy and Aims</p> <p>This is an integrating module, which requires students to synthesise the knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme and apply them to an in-depth exploration of a topic appropriate to the programme. In particular, they will have to demonstrate the ability to research an area, display a critical understanding of relevant literature and communicate effectively in academic English.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
Students will be expected to identify subject specific content as appropriate for the individual topic and discipline.	
The project support sessions will provide support for:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management • Ethics • Research Methods • Methodologies • Citing and Referencing • Critical Analysis • Academic Writing 	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Plan a research informed project using appropriate literature and / or professional outputs.
	2	Assess the value of theoretical concepts and, where appropriate, consider how they may be applied to the solution of real problems.
	3	Design an artefact/data-gathering strategy using appropriate techniques and tools.
	4	Implement a design to produce an artefact/gather the data using appropriate techniques.
	5	Critically evaluate and reflect on the implementation of the artefact/data collected and the overall project.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4	X		
5			X

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops	18	
Directed Learning (DL) Supervisor support	12	
Private Study (PS)	570	
Total Study Hours:	600	