

Module Overview			
Module Title	Research Dissertation		
Module Code	4414	Module Type	Taught Module
School	School of Agriculture, Food and the Environment		
Module Leader	Atenchong Talleh Nkobou		
Location	Cirencester	Semester	Summer (RAU)
FHEQ Level	Level 7	Credits	45 credits
Pre-requisite Module	4413		
QAA Subject Benchmark Statement	Choose an item.		
Module Description			
This is an independent study research dissertation.			
Intended Learning Outcomes			
ILO1	Undertake a critical review of the relevant literature that is relevant to the research question, identifying and critically evaluating appropriate areas of further investigation.		
ILO2	Identify a relevant research question and the methodologies that are necessary to implement the proposed investigation		
ILO3	Work independently on developing the research dissertation, deploying problem-solving techniques to address the study question, that makes use of the knowledge gained through the programme.		
Learning, Teaching and Assessment			
Approach to Learning and Teaching			
This is a "capstone" module requiring the students to undertake independent study with guidance from a supervisor. The module aims to demonstrate the students abilities to work independently and utilise skills acquired throughout their programme of study to achieve the LOs. As such, there is no formal taught element as the skills needed to complete this module are delivered in module 4413.			

Approach to Assessment									
The written thesis allows the students to demonstrate their skills in reviewing the literature, designing appropriate research method(s), analysing data and reporting on their findings on a specific topic.									
Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours (seminars)				0					
Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours (field trips)				0					
Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours (lab practical)				0					
Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours (computer-based)				0					
Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours (online learning)				0					
Independent Study Hours				450					
Placement Learning Hours				0					
Total Study Hours				450					
Assessment Components									
Component	Type	Weight	Acc' Req?	Submission Week	ILOs Assessed				
					1	2	3	4	5
Dissertation (12,000 - 15,000 words (guide))	Coursework	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Week 49	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associated Programmes									
Programme Title				Designation					
MSc Business Management				Core					
MSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security				Core					
MSc Agricultural Technology and Innovation				Core					
MBA Innovation in Sustainable Food and Agriculture				Core					
MSc Sustainable Food and Agriculture Policy				Core					
Resources									
Reading list		https://rau.rl.talis.com/index.html							