

MOOC: Dissertation writing

The recipe for a successful dissertation

Illustrative images used by
participants removed from this
material

Recipe list (you will obtain badges each week)

- Flour - Research question
- Egg - Structure
- Sugar - Argument/critical thinking
- Icing - Formatting and presentation
- Chocolate chips - References/scholarship

Learners can select some or all of these ingredients

Levels

UG or PG

Users will have an option to select and the relevant materials will be made available accordingly

Note: This MOOC would allow users to select either one or more sessions to be completed. Certificate of completion would note which sessions were engaged with.

Data

UG starters

PG starters

Guild

‘associations of players who chose to come together to achieve a common goal’ = Group by subject. Forum discussion

Data

Number of discussion threads

Number of replies / posts

Assessment and Measuring learning analytics

- Starting survey - to find out about what the user is seeking. What are you after from this mooc? Is this your first dissertation? Level of knowledge already...
- Quizzes
- Self evaluations
- Questions/reflections - open text boxes

Data

Number of completed quizzes
(right / wrong answers)

Number of completed self
evaluations

Information from evaluation

Trends from starting survey

Goals

Main goal is to gain a good understanding of ‘what makes a successful dissertation’

Each sub-goal is achieved by the end of each session. At the end of the MOOC, the end goal would be measured by a checklist

Data

Number of completed checklists
Analysis of completed checklists
Comparison of completion in
terms of self-selection at the start

Conclusion