

Russian (TSM) SS Dissertation Requirements & Information

TSM SUBJECT	Insert Subject Name
Item	Information Required
GENERAL and PREPARATION	
Pattern A:	N/A
Pattern B:	The dissertation is a compulsory module for all TSM students in the Senior Sophister year.
Prerequisite Modules required:	There are no prerequisites.
Dissertation Module Title and code:	Module title: Dissertation ; Module code: RUS902
Credit Weighting:	10 ECTs
Topic:	Dissertation topics should be discussed with potential supervisors and/or the Head of Department during the Junior Sophister year; topics need to be approved by the Head of Department.
Supervisors – How are these assigned?	Supervisors are chosen by students in consultation with the Head of Department and relevant staff member(s)
When are supervisors agreed?	Supervisors should be agreed with the Head of Discipline before the end of TT in the Junior Sophister year.
JS or Vacation Period study required:	Students should use the summer vacation before the Senior Sophister year and/or their period of Junior Sophister residence in Russia to start researching their dissertation topic.
Proposal Required:	Students are required to submit (1) a brief dissertation proposal, consisting of a title, the question to be addressed and 3-4 sentences outlining the parameters of the proposed work and (2) a 200-500-word proposal confirming the research question, the sources to be used, the methodology to be deployed.
Proposal Submission Date:	(1) end of HT of the Junior Sophister year and (2) end of week 1 MT of the Senior Sophister year.
Proposal guidelines available:	In consultation with the supervisor
Plagiarism Regulations available:	in the handbook, which is available on the Department website
DURING	
Word Count: Minimum and Maximum, where applicable:	10,000 words
Word Count Pattern A (if Different) Minimum and Maximum, where applicable:	N/A
Dissertation Guidelines available:	Students may select a referencing style appropriate to the field in which they are researching their dissertation. Students are referred to the library web page: http://www.tcd.ie/Library/support/referencing.php
Presentation(s) Required:	No.
Supervisors - Availability and Meetings with supervisors, recommended number and frequency etc, or minimum required level of interaction:	During the Senior Sophister year, up to twelve contact hours with the dissertation supervisor will be available. Students agree a schedule with their supervisor, and submit work regularly in draft form during the course of the year, which is then discussed with the supervisor and if necessary modified.
Feedback – method and frequency:	Feedback is given at meetings with supervisors or in emails.
Advice on timeline/structure of study for completion:	Supervisors advise students on an appropriate timeline for drafts and final submission.

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Additional Requirements (if any):	None
COMPLETION AND ASSESSMENT	
Submission Date:	12.00, Friday of the 2 nd week of the revision period
Submission method:	Soft copy is submitted through Turnitin; two hard copies are submitted in person to the Department Executive Officer.
Penalties for Late Submission:	None, assuming the student has sought and obtained an extension.
Penalties for exceeding word count:	There is no penalty as such. The marking criteria, however, document that students are assessed on their ability to synthesise secondary sources, to distinguish essential information from secondary details, and to structure their argument in a cohesive manner. Excessive word count may be evidence of a failure in one or more of these areas.
Penalties for not meeting minimum word count:	There is no penalty as such. The marking criteria, however, document that students are assessed on their ability to demonstrate awareness of the implications of the question being researched, to demonstrate adequate knowledge of the subject and its context and adequate knowledge of or engagement with secondary sources. Not meeting the minimum word count count may be evidence of a failure in one or more of these areas.
Penalties Other:	Work that is poorly presented or inadequately referenced is unlikely to be awarded a II.1 or I mark.
Assessment criteria availability:	The Grade criteria for awarding marks in dissertations are the same as for coursework essays. These are available in the handbook.
Who assesses the dissertation?	First marker is the supervisor; second marker is a colleague in the department.
External Examiner role:	The external examiner is sent all dissertations and reports by both internal examiners. The external examiner's role is to moderate the marking process.
Viva Voce / Oral examination:	There is no <i>viva voce</i> .
Is Passing the Dissertation module required in order to pass the year?	No.
Can the module be passed by compensation or aggregation?	This module may be passed by compensation/ aggregation.