

## **Module D2: Dissertation (30 credits: 14,000-15,000 words)**

This module offers opportunity to develop and focus studies undertaken in a module for Part One, Groups A and B, or to link topics or issues from more than one module, either within a single Group or across both. This module will enable you to pursue a topic which has interested you already, or to explore a related area not covered in Part One.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the module you will have learned how to undertake - and to demonstrate your powers of - independent investigation, your greater depth of study, and your ability to organize and sustain a substantial piece of writing.

Choice and approval of topic

Candidates should propose a topic, which the Academic Board may refine. The topic must be submitted to the Course Secretary for approval before the period of study begins (by 31 December or 30 June as appropriate).

If you are taking Module D1 as well as Module D2 the two studies must be on different topics, and related different modules in Part One.

### **Study**

As in Part One you may choose (or be directed by a supervisor in) your own pattern of study, but you are advised to take account of the recommended items listed in the bibliography. Additionally the Guild offers a brief guide to independent study and extended writing, and suggestions of specific questions and issues to be considered.

In undertaking the writing of the dissertation you are advised to consult the guidance for presentation of written work in the general study notes.

### **Assessment and satisfactory completion**

At the end of the module you must submit a dissertation of 14,000-15,000 words for assessment. A bibliography of materials consulted should be appended to the essay.

The assessment of the module will be based on the dissertation, but you should complete a report form noting any special factors or difficulties encountered.

All materials for assessment and establishment of satisfactory completion should be forwarded to the Course Secretary and postmarked not later than 31 January or 30 June in the appropriate study period.