

<b>Module Title</b> <b>Research Project</b>	Reference AS4027 SCQF SCQF Level 10 SCQF Points 45 ECTS Points 22.5 Created August 2002 Approved September 2004 Amended May 2011 Version No. 2
<b>Keywords</b> Independent research, dissertation.	

## This Version is No Longer Current

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### Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to SCQF10 entry requirements.

### Corequisite Modules

None.

### Precluded Modules

None.

### Aims of Module

To provide students with the ability to demonstrate competence in an independent piece of research in his/her chosen field of study.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module,

### Mode of Delivery

This is a practical module devoted to research in a relevant field of study and may involve a wide range of techniques. The module is delivered by contact with an individual supervisor. There is provision for other staff to be involved in supervision in cases where this would provide expertise to supplement that of the supervisor. There is provision for time during the module for practical classes to update students with advanced techniques in information technology.

### Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3,4

students are expected to be able to:

1. Search and review literature on a research topic and prepare a research protocol.
2. Use the procedures outlined in the research protocol and analyse information derived from the research.
3. Write a dissertation in the form of a paper to a relevant journal encompassing a literature review establishing a need for the research, methods used, results obtained, discussion of the validity of the methods, the implications of the results and their relationship to the literature, conclusions made and any recommendations deriving from the research, with citations and references in the prescribed style.
4. Defend the research in a viva voce presentation with internal examiners and the supervisor.

### **Indicative Module Content**

Advanced techniques of bibliographic searching and information technology required for both dissertation and presentation of information in the oral defence. Independent research on a relevant topic. Analysis and presentation of data collected in a research project.

Component 1 is coursework comprising a dissertation and presentation of findings.

### **Indicative Bibliography**

1. BELL, J. 2014. *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers*. 6th edition. Maidenhead: Open University Press.
2. DAVIES, M.B. and HUGHES, N. 2014. *Doing a successful research project: using qualitative or quantitative methods*. 2nd edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.
3. DAWSON, C. 2009. *Introduction to research methods: a practical guide for anyone undertaking a research project*. 4th edition. Oxford: How To Books Ltd.
4. THOMAS, G. 2013. *How to do your research project: a guide for students in education and applied social sciences*. 2nd edition. London: Sage Publications Ltd.

## **Indicative Student Workload**

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Assessments	1
Practicals	10
Supervision	20
<i>Private Study</i>	
Private Study	419