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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Academic Literature Review

Reference	BS3234	Version	3
Created	March 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	January 2011	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with the opportunity to undertake a piece of supervised, independent research into a topic of their own choice from the subject areas of accounting or finance.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Conduct a comprehensive literature search into their chosen subject.
- 2 Communicate effectively within a well structured literature review.
- 3 Synthesise arguments and ideas in a manner which displays critical analysis of their chosen topic.
- 4 Work independently with minimal supervision.

Indicative Module Content

In order to facilitate successful completion of this module, students will take part in an introductory programme discussing literature review and presentation techniques.

Module Delivery

This is a supervised research based course supplemented with activities and lectures delivered online. Students will be assigned to a literature review supervisor with whom they will regularly discuss progress.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	6	6
Non-Contact Hours	144	144
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Description: Component one is a Literature Review

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Coursework - 100% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	70% or above
B	60% - 69%
C	50% - 59%
D	40% - 49%
E	35% - 39%
F	0% - 34%
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	To have passed the relevant first and second year modules or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1 BOOTH, A., SUTTON, A. and PAPAIOMOU, D., 2016. *Systematic approaches to a successful literature review*. Sage.
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- 3 RIDLEY, D., 2012. *The Literature review: A step by step guide for students*. Sage.