MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Academic Literature Review

Reference	BS3234	Version	5
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	July 2019	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with the opportunity to undertake a piece of supervised, indpendent research into a topic of their own choice from the subject areas related to their degree specialism.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

1	Conduct a comprehensive subject specific literature search.
2	Communicate effectively within a well structured literature review.
3	Synthesise arguments and ideas in a manner which displays critical appraisal of their chosen topic.
4	Demonstrate the ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

Indicative Module Content

Setting aims and objectives in a literature review; selection of an appropriate subject specific topic; how to work with an academic supervisor; literature searching techniques.

Module Delivery

This module will be delivered online with recorded lecture material and introductory online classes. Further support will be provided through forum posts and students will be allocated a supervisor relevant to their topic choice.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	35	35
Non-Contact Hours	115	115
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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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:	Literature Review				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

Component 1 comprises 100% of the module grade. To pass the module, a D grade is required.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
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.