

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Contemporary Literature Project

Reference	BS4082	Version	2
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	July 2019	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with the opportunity to undertake a supervised, independent literature research project on a contemporary topic within the field of accounting and finance.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Conduct an in depth subject specific literature search and develop this into a refined, well justified corpus of literature for review.
- 2 Communicate effectively in an academic written style, using current research based evidence to develop and justify a balanced debate.
- 3 Critically appraise arguments and ideas in a manner which demonstrates in depth knowledge of the topic.
- 4 Demonstrate the ability to undertake independent research of literature with minimal supervision.

Indicative Module Content

Literature searching and selection techniques; how to judiciously select and summarise individual pieces of literature; how to structure a review; how to use academic evidence; how to introduce synthesis and critique into their writing; how to reference using RGU Harvard; how to manage large numbers of references; how to work with an academic supervisor.

Module Delivery

In order to facilitate successful completion of this module, students will attend an introductory lecture programme which will provide initial guidance on the literature review process. This will be supported by meetings with subject specific supervisors.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	16	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	134	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<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:	Literature Review				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Coursework - 100% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D. A minimum score of 40% is required to achieve a grade D.

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

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