

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Thesis

Reference	BS4203	Version	4
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	July 2019	SCQF Points	30
Amended	August 2021	ECTS Points	15

Aims of Module

To provide students with the opportunity to undertake supervised, independent research into a self-developed topic relevant to their degree subject, and to apply the full range of associated research skills required to produce a research thesis.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Undertake a comprehensive literature review of the topic under investigation and write a comprehensive and logical evaluation of the salient aspects.
- 2 Design and implement an appropriate research methodology taking full account of the range of alternative techniques and approaches.
- 3 Plan and write a thesis which demonstrates both a detailed understanding of the selected topic and a logical consistency in approach.

Indicative Module Content

Practical guidance on undertaking a self-directed research project; method-specific analysis workshops; one-to-one research supervision from within degree route discipline.

Module Delivery

Delivered over Semester 1 and Semester 2 as a supervised research based course within the subject discipline of the chosen degree route, supplemented with lectures and workshops.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	15	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	285	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	300	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
Description:	Thesis				

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	BS4289 Research Methods
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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