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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Research Project

Reference	BS4322	Version	2
Created	April 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2018	SCQF Points	30
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	15

Aims of Module

To provide students with the opportunity to undertake a piece of independent in-depth research on a topical issue relevant to the main course discipline, and apply the associated research skills including analysis, critical evaluation, reflection, problem-solving, logical argument and communication.

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 area and produce a concise and critical evaluation of the salient aspects.
- 2 Demonstrate understanding of primary and/or secondary research techniques, and show application of these to collect and rigorously analyse data.
- 3 Present appropriate and relevant conclusions, reflecting on the significance and potential application of them in theory and practice.

Indicative Module Content

Independent research focussed within the main course discipline. Presentation of information in a subject appropriate format. Advanced understanding and techniques involved in the research process including: advanced writing for research purposes, bibliographic searching, critiquing subject literature, research philosophies, revising and choosing appropriate research techniques, qualitative and quantitative techniques of data gathering and critical analysis.

Module Delivery

This is an applied module devoted to research within the named degree discipline. The module is delivered by a blend of core lectures supported by research workshops. In addition each student will have access to a research supervisor who will provide guidance throughout the research process.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	18	18
Non-Contact Hours	282	282
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	300	300
<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:	Individual Written Assessment				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Research Project - 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	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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