

Module Title	Reference BSM101
Dissertation	SCQF SCQF
	Level 11
	SCQF Points 60
	ECTS Points 30
Keywords	Created August 2002
Research design; research methods.	Approved May 2012
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This Version is No Longer Current

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Prerequisites for Module

Normally, 120 credits at SCQF11 or equivalent.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

Aims of Module

To enable the student to extend and apply their subject knowledge and their knowledge of research methods by means of the independent investigation of a topic with a relevant field.

Learning Outcomes for Module

Mode of Delivery

Seminars, tutorials - For part-time distance learning students: Students are provided with a guided learning programme. Students are, accordingly, expected to take full responsibility for their own learning.

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Coursework	1,2,3,4

The assessment will normally consist of a 20,000 word dissertation.

Indicative Bibliography

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

1. Investigate and critically evaluate an approved research topic of interest and concern in a subject-relevant field.
2. Apply a range of research skills and methods to gather, analyse and critically evaluate literature, theories, data and evidence as appropriate to the agreed research topic.
3. Present and critically evaluate findings and conclusions as a piece of independent research.
4. Develop and apply, at an advanced level, the appropriate skills of written communication and presentation.

Indicative Module Content

A research proposal will form the basis for development of the Dissertation. Students will work independently but under tutorial supervision, to undertake the research and prepare the dissertation.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Distance Learning
<i>Contact Hours</i>	0	0
Tutorials/Seminars	22	22
<i>Directed Study</i>		
Directed Study	0	0
<i>Private Study</i>		

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