

Module Title	Reference BSM702
MRes Dissertation	SCQF SCQF
	Level 11
	SCQF Points 60
	ECTS Points 30
Keywords	Created December 2012
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Prerequisites for Module

Students are eligible for the MRes dissertation if they have achieved 120 credits at SCQF level 11 or equivalent, including GSM005 and GSM008.

Mode of Delivery

Students are expected to take full responsibility for their own learning, and will receive guidance and support from their supervisory team, and others as appropriate.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Assessment Plan

Precluded Modules

None.

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3,4

Aims of Module

To enable the student to extend and apply their subject knowledge and their knowledge

The assessment will consist of a 20,000 word dissertation and an oral defence of the thesis.

Indicative Bibliography

of research methods by means of the independent investigation of a topic with a relevant field.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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. Analyse 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 developed as part of GSM005 and GSM008 will form the basis for development of the

1. BELL, J., 2018. *Doing your research project*. 7th ed. Maidenhead : McGraw-Hill Open University Press.
2. CRESWELL, J., 2014. *Research design: qualitative, quantitative and mixed method approaches*. 4th ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
3. ROBSON, C. 2016. *Real world research*. 4th ed. Chichester: Wiley.
4. EASTERBY-SMITH, M., et al., 2018. *Management and business research*. 6th ed. London: Sage Publications Ltd.
5. SHON, P.C., 2012. *How to read journal articles in the social sciences*. London: Sage.
6. PUNCH, K. F., 2014. *Introduction to social research: quantitative and qualitative approaches*. London: Sage Publications Ltd.
7. WALLACE, M. and WRAY, A., 2011. *Critical reading and writing for postgraduates*. 2nd ed. London: Sage.

Additional Notes

In addition, the student will be expected to search the literature and read widely in the area chosen for investigation as directed by their supervisory team.

dissertation. Students will work independently, but under supervision to undertake the research and prepare the dissertation.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full	Part
<i>Directed Study</i>	Time	Time
	22	22
<i>Private Study</i>		
	578	578