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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Capstone

Reference	BSM823	Version	2
Created	March 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	November 2018	SCQF Points	60
Amended	May 2017	ECTS Points	30

### Aims of Module

The aim of the module is to provide students with the opportunity to integrate Masters level knowledge and skills by independently producing a project on an appropriate topic from a degree related discipline.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Identify, plan, design and conduct an independent project based on an area appropriate to their degree discipline.
- 2 Critically review available literature, research and knowledge to establish a clear academic context for the project.
- 3 Present and discuss the results of the project in relation to academic and practical considerations in an appropriate and professionally oriented manner.
- 4 Critically apply relevant theories, concepts and debates.
- 5 Review and reflect on the research process, displaying awareness both of the limitations of the project and any attendant ethical issues.

### Indicative Module Content

Students will work independently to produce a dissertation project or a consultancy project.

### Module Delivery

Self-directed study, learning and research, guidance on the skills required to complete the task and supported by an academic supervisor.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	30	30
Non-Contact Hours	570	570
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	600	600
<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, 5
Description:	Assessment of this module will be by way of a discipline appropriate capstone project. This may be a dissertation project or a consultancy project.				

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component (C1 - Coursework - 100% weighting. Module pass mark = Grade D (40%).

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	70% or above
<b>B</b>	60 - 69%
<b>C</b>	50 - 59%
<b>D</b>	40 - 49%
<b>E</b>	35 - 39%
<b>F</b>	0-34%
<b>NS</b>	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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- 3 Saunders, M., Lewis, P. and Thornhill, A., 2023. *Research Methods for Business Students (9th Edition)*. Harlow: Pearson Education.