MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

MRes Thesis

Reference	CBM900	Version	1
Created	January 2024	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	June 2014	SCQF Points	60
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	30

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 business and management 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 GSM010 and GSM011 will form the basis for development of the thesis. Students will work independently, but under supervision to undertake the research and prepare the thesis.

Module 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.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	22	22
Non-Contact Hours	578	578
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	600	600
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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

Description: The assessment will consist of a 20,000 word thesis with an oral defence of the thesis.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

The thesis and oral defence will be assessed in accordance with Regulation A6: Research Degrees.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
Pass	Demonstrates that the learning outcomes have been met.
Fail	Fails to demonstrate that the learning outcomes have been met.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Students are eligible for the MRes thesis if they have achieved 120 credits at SCQF level 11 or equivalent, including GSM010 and GSM011.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

1 BELL, J., 2018. *Doing your research project.* 7th ed Maidenhead : McGraw?Hill Open University Press.

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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.

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