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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Data Visualisation and Analysis

Reference	CMM020	Version	4
Created	February 2018	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	January 2013	SCQF Points	15
Amended	March 2018	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To introduce the principles and techniques involved in the displaying of data to provide greater insight into the information contained within the data.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Describe and compare different methods of displaying a variety of data types.
- 2 Fit data to appropriate models and draw valid conclusions.
- 3 Evaluate and re-design given examples of information visualisation.
- 4 Develop solutions to display and analyse information effectively.

### Indicative Module Content

Visualisations: reasons for data visualisation; visualisation requirements; cognitive processes in visualisation; lie factor; data-ink ratio; data variation vs. design variation; mapping data to visual representations; basic charts and their uses; display of quantitative data including univariate, bivariate, trivariate, multidimensional, tree and network data; data visualisation design; data and task abstractions; visual encodings; marks and channels. Analysis: general considerations in data analysis; descriptive statistics; univariate distributions; bivariate data and linear regression; time series; smoothing including moving average and exponential; seasonal effects; additive, multiplicative and mixed models; professional use of data; ethical and legal issues within data analysis.

### Module Delivery

The module is taught using a structured programme of lectures, tutorials, practical exercises and student-centred learning.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	44	44
Non-Contact Hours	106	106
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
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:	Examination	Weighting:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3
Description:	Closed book examination.				

**Component 2**

Type:	Practical Exam	Weighting:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	4
Description:	Practical exam.				

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

Component 1: Exam worth 50% of total module assessment, Component 2: Practical Exam worth 50% of total module assessment.

		Practical Exam:						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	NS
Examination:	A	A	A	B	B	C	E	
	B	A	B	B	C	C	E	
	C	B	B	C	C	D	E	
	D	B	C	C	D	D	E	
	E	C	C	D	D	E	E	
	F	E	E	E	E	E	F	
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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