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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Research Methods & Study Skills

Reference	SS1010	Version	10
Created	February 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	June 2002	SCQF Points	15
Amended	February 2022	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with an understanding of basic social science research methodology and key student skills.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Identify the key stages in the research process, and appropriately convey this information in the presentation.
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of basic research methodologies used in the social sciences.
- 3 Apply basic research terminology appropriately.
- 4 Demonstrate an awareness of key student presentation/group working skills.

Indicative Module Content

What is research? The research process. Basic research methodologies: Observational, Surveys and Experimental. Research designs and sampling. Ethics, bias and positionality of research and researchers. Interpreting statistics and data analysis: an introduction. Study skills and effective learning. Presentation and IT skills. Reading research and evaluation.

Module Delivery

This is a mainly lecture based module with supporting seminars/workshops and student-centred learning. The on-campus activities will be supplemented and supported with online activities where appropriate.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	39	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	111	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<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: Practical Exam Weighting: 25% Outcomes Assessed: 3, 4
 Description: Component 1 will be assessed by oral presentation

Component 2

Type: Coursework Weighting: 75% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2
 Description: Component 2 will be assessed by written coursework

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

Component 1 (refer to x axis on top of grid) contributes 25% to the module total. Component 2 (refer to y axis on left side of grid) contributes 75% to the module total

		Practical Exam:						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	NS
Coursework:	A	A	A	B	B	B	E	
	B	B	B	B	C	C	E	
	C	B	C	C	C	D	E	
	D	C	C	D	D	D	E	
	E	D	D	D	E	E	E	
	F	E	E	E	E	F	F	
	NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination						

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to course entry requirements or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 5 ROBSON, C. & MCCARTAN, K., 2016. *Real world research: a resource for users of social research methods in applied settings*. 4th ed. Chichester: Wiley.