

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Research Methods & Study Skills

Reference	SS1010	Version	11
Created	April 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	June 2002	SCQF Points	15
Amended	May 2023	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 awareness of key student presentation/group working skills.
- 3 Demonstrate an understanding of basic research methodologies used in the social sciences.

### 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: 100%      Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3  
 Description: Component 1 will be assessed by oral presentation

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

There is one coursework which contributes 100% to the module total.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	The student needs an A in C1.
<b>B</b>	The student needs a B in C1.
<b>C</b>	The student needs a C in C1.
<b>D</b>	The student needs a D in C1.
<b>E</b>	The student needs an E in C1.
<b>F</b>	The student needs a F in C1.
<b>NS</b>	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.