

<b>Module Title</b> <b>Exploring Research</b>  <b>Keywords</b> Qualitative, Quantitative, Report Writing, Ethics.	Reference SS2018 SCQF Level SCQF 8 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created May 2002 Approved June 2002 Amended August 2010 Version No. 3
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## This Version is No Longer Current

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### Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to SCQF 8 entry requirements or equivalent.

### Corequisite Modules

None.

### Precluded Modules

None.

### Aims of Module

To provide the student with the opportunity to gain practical experience of research design, analysis and report writing in psychology and sociology.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

### Mode of Delivery

Lectures will be used to review earlier taught material and students will then have supervised practical time to undertake small group research both in class and independently.

### Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1
Component 2	2

Component 2 will be assessed by Coursework (Research report)

Component 1 will be assessed by Coursework (Research report)

### Indicative Bibliography

to:

- 1.Design, carry out and report on a quantitative research study in social sciences.
- 2.Design, carry out and report on a qualitative research study in social sciences.

## Indicative Module Content

Review of research methodologies and statistical analysis. Practical experience at engaging in experimental research.  
 Practical experience at engaging in non experimental research.  
 Qualitative methodologies and analysis.  
 Consideration of British Psychological Society Ethical Code of Practice for Research and the British Sociology Association Code of Ethics.  
 Report writing skills

## Indicative Student Workload

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	4
Practical research	36
<i>Directed Study</i>	
Directed Study	50
<i>Private Study</i>	
Private Study	60

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