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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Exploring Research

Reference	SS2018	Version	7
Created	September 2019	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	June 2002	SCQF Points	15
Amended	October 2019	ECTS Points	7.5

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 to:

- 1 Undertake a research study to explore an appropriate social science issue.
- 2 Apply a relevant quantitative social science research method.
- 3 Apply a relevant qualitative social science research method.

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 Sociological Association/ESRC Code of Ethics. Report writing skills

Module 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.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	41	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	109	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: Coursework Weighting: 50% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2
 Description: Component 1 will be assessed by written coursework

Component 2

Type: Coursework Weighting: 50% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 3
 Description: Component 2 will be assessed by written coursework

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

There are two courseworks which contributes 100% to the module total.

		Coursework:						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	NS
Coursework:	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	F	
	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 SCQF 8 entry requirements or equivalent.
 Corequisites for module: None.
 Precluded Modules: None.

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