

<b>Module Title</b> <b>Qualitative Research Methods</b>	Reference SS3026 SCQF LevelSCQF 9 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created April 2005 Approved June 2005 Amended August 2010 Version No. 2
<b>Keywords</b> Qualitative, Interviews, Focus Groups, Ethics, Philosophy.	

## This Version is No Longer Current

The latest version of this module is available [here](#)

**Prerequisites for Module** Ethical issues and research.

None, in addition to SCQF 9 entry requirements or equivalent.

### Indicative Student Workload

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures/Seminars/Workshops	24

### Corequisite Modules

None.

<i>Directed Study</i>	
Directed Study	50

### Precluded Modules

None.

<i>Private Study</i>	
Private Study	76

### Aims of Module

To provide students with the skills to undertake, plan and organise social science research using an appropriate method.

### Mode of Delivery

This is a workshop based module with a combination of lectures/seminars and practical work.

### Assessment Plan

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3,4

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

1. Apply a relevant social science method to an appropriate social science research question.
2. Analyse ethical issues relevant to that question.
3. Develop a systematic approach in researching that question.
4. Apply qualitative research techniques.

### **Indicative Module Content**

The limits of positivism.  
The philosophy of social science research.  
Qualitative methodology.  
Focus Groups.  
Interviews.  
Ethnography.  
Study design.

Component 1 will be assessed by Written Coursework.

### **Indicative Bibliography**

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