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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Qualitative Research Methods

Reference	SS3026	Version	4
Created	May 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	June 2005	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with the skills to undertake, plan and organise social science research using qualitative methods.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

1	Apply a relevant qualitative social science method to an appropriate social science research question.
2	Appraise qualitative research methods.
3	Critically demonstrate knowledge of ethical issues pertaining to the research question.
4	Develop a systematic approach in researching that question.

Indicative Module Content

The philosophy of social science research. Qualitative methodology. Interviews. Ethnography. Narrative Research. Documentary Analysis. Ethics. Grounded Theory.

Module Delivery

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

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	24	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	126	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Component 1 will be assessed by written coursework.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

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

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	The student needs an A in C1.
B	The student needs a B in C1.
C	The student needs a C in C1.
D	The student needs a D in C1.
E	The student needs an E in C1.
F	The student needs an F in C1.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to SCQF 9 entry requirements or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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