

Module Title	Reference SS4006
Dissertation	SCQF SCQF
	Level 10
	SCQF Points 45
	ECTS Points 22.5
Keywords	Created May 2002
Research Methods, Research Management, Literature Review, Critical Analysis	Approved June 2002
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This Version is No Longer Current

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

Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to SCQF 10 entry requirements or equivalent.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

Aims of Module

To demonstrate competence in independent research in a chosen field of study.

Learning Outcomes for Module

Mode of Delivery

This is a practical module devoted to research in an agreed field and may involve a wide range of techniques.

There is provision at the start of the module for workshops on computer-based techniques and resources.

Each student will be allocated to a supervisor from whom s/he will receive support and advice.

Assessment Plan

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

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

1. Research and review the literature on a research topic and produce a research proposal.
2. Critically evaluate and apply appropriate research skills and analysis in relation to the agreed topic.
3. Demonstrate research management skills at an appropriate level.
4. Produce a critical and logical interpretation of their research in the form of a written dissertation.

Indicative Module Content

Student-led research under supervision, to include:
 Literature review.
 Use of IT applications for research, data handling, and, where appropriate, data analysis.
 Conducting research.
 Writing-up.

Indicative Student Workload

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	12
Supervision	12

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Component 1 will be assessed by Coursework (Dissertation)

Indicative Bibliography

1. BELL, J., 2010. *Doing Your Research Project*. 5th ed. Buckingham: Open University Press.
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3. CORBIN, J., and STRAUSS, A., 2008. *Basics of Qualitative Research*. California: Sage.
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