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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Research Methods

Reference	SS4032	Version	4
Created	July 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	April 2009	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To enable the student to apply a knowledge of Research Methods to a chosen area of practice.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Critically evaluate a range of research methods applicable to social work
- 2 Critically evaluate primary research studies
- 3 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of contemporary research issues and design in a chosen area of study

Indicative Module Content

Advanced web-based and literature search, research design skills, research ethics.

Module Delivery

Based on directed and private study, supplemented by lectures and workshop. Materials provided to students which form the basis for tutorials and private study.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	N/A	10
Non-Contact Hours	N/A	140
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	N/A	150
<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: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Essay

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

This module has one component with a 100% weighting. All learning outcomes are assessed by an essay.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Satisfactory completion of Stage 3 or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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