

Module Title	Reference SSM302
Dissertation	SCQF SCQF
	Level 11
	SCQF Points 60
	ECTS Points 30
Keywords	Created March 2011
Research methods, analysis, critical evaluation, quantitative, qualitative, literature review, ethics	Approved May 2011
	Amended
	Version No. 1

This Version is No Longer Current

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

Prerequisites for Module

In addition to course entry requirements or equivalent students will be expected to have successfully completed PgDip Corporate Social Responsibility and Energy.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

Aims of Module

To demonstrate competence in research methodology by undertaking independent research on an approved topic relevant to Corporate Social Responsibility and Energy.

Quantitative and qualitative data analysis techniques
Submission of Dissertation

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Distance Learning
<i>Contact Hours</i>		
Lectures	12	0
Tutorials	10	10

Directed Study

53 65

Private Study

525 525

Mode of Delivery

Full time delivery will be through lectures, workshops and self-directed study.
Distance learning delivery will be through self-directed study from web-based learning materials.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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. Identify and critically evaluate relevant literature on the chosen topic.
3. Plan, design and conduct a methodologically rigorous and ethically sound research study.
4. Appropriately analyse the data collected and produce a critical and logical interpretation of these results (and any implications they may have to industry/policy/future researchers) in the form of a written dissertation.
5. Integrate and apply the knowledge, understanding and skills gained within the course.

Indicative Module Content

Student-led independent research under academic supervision to include:

Philosophy of research

Literature review

Design and preparation of a research project, and collection of data

Students will be assigned an on-line tutor for further guidance and support.

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3,4,5

Assessment is by submission of a Research Dissertation.

Indicative Bibliography

1. BELL, J., 2014. *Doing your research project*. 6th ed. Buckingham: Open University Press.
2. CORBIN, J., and STRAUSS, A., 2015. *Basics of qualitative research: Techniques and Procedures for Developing Grounded Theory* 4th ed. London: Sage.
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4. SAUNDERS, M., LEWIS, P. and THORNHILL, A., 2016. *Research methods for business students*. 7th ed. London: Prentice-Hall.