

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Industry Research

Reference	SUM502	Version	2
Created	September 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	September 2020	SCQF Points	45
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	22.5

### Aims of Module

Through the undertaking of research in a real work environment, to develop skills and intellectual ability relevant to the investigation, assessment, evaluation and interpretation of an industry-relevant subject.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Use a systematic approach to information acquisition and retrieval using the full range of available search techniques
- 2 Critically analyse principal theoretical and professional concepts, ideas and other information to demonstrate originality/creativity within an industry context.
- 3 Conduct a critical review of the literature appropriate to the industry-relevant topic under investigation to extend pertinent knowledge.
- 4 Develop a focused aims statement and formulate an appropriate methodology for testing.
- 5 Evidence critical knowledge skills and present in a coherent, well-structured and intelligible Research Document written to professional standards.

### Indicative Module Content

The content of the work experience will vary between employers. The student will negotiate with their host organisation regarding obtaining relevant data and information to support the research.

### Module Delivery

Delivery is through a combination of time spent in the workplace, completion of a structured research methods programme (module completed prior to commencing the work experience), and support will be available through the provision of a research supervisor and an online forum.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	30	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	150	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	270	N/A
TOTAL	450	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>	270	

**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, 5
Description:	An individual written Research Document (8-10,000 words).				

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

Students need to achieve a grade D or greater to pass.

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

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	120 credits at SCQF 11 or equivalent, including AC5005 Research Methods.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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