MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Problem Solving

Reference	CM1117	Version	1
Created	January 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	August 2023	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To develop appropriate skills in problem solving and critical thinking, and applying these tools and techniques in a variety of settings.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

1	Identify appropriate methods and strategies for solving problems in a variety of domains.
2	Employ critical thinking tools and techniques to analyse facts and evidence towards identifying solutions to problems.
3	Apply basic reasoning skills in the construction of logical and sound arguments in communicating solutions to problems.
4	Apply data-driven approaches to solving problems.

Indicative Module Content

Problem solving methods and strategies: abstraction, sub-goals, action sequences, decision trees; critical thinking: argument analysis, fallacies; reasoning: inductive reasoning, deductive reasoning, abductive reasoning, logic; statistics: data summarisation, correlation, probability.

Module Delivery

This module is delivered using a mixture of lectures, tutorials and laboratory sessions where appropriate.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	40	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	110	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		

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:	A coursework involving problem solving exercises.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

The module is assessed on a pass/unsuccessful basis. The module grade is based on performance in Component 1.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
Pass	Pass in Component 1
Fail	Fail in Component 1
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to course entry requirements.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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4	CAMPBELL, M., 2019, Learn RStudio IDE: Quick, Effective, and Productive Data Science