

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Exploring Research

Reference	SS2018	Version	9
Created	April 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	June 2002	SCQF Points	15
Amended	May 2023	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the opportunity to gain practical experience of research design, methodology, analysis and writing in psychology and sociology.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Evaluate a relevant quantitative social science research method to explore an appropriate social science issue.
- 2 Evaluate a relevant qualitative social science research method to explore an appropriate social science issue.

Indicative Module Content

Review of research methodologies and analysis. Practical experience at engaging in experimental research. Practical experience at engaging in non experimental research. Qualitative methodologies and analysis. Consideration of British Psychological Society Ethical Code of Practice for Research and the British Sociological Association/ESRC Code of Ethics. Academic writing skills. Positionality of research and researcher.

Module Delivery

This is a mainly lecture based module with supporting seminars/workshops and student-centred learning. The on-campus activities will be supplemented and supported with online activities where appropriate.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	41	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	109	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<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
 Description: Component will be assessed by written coursework

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

There is one coursework which contributes 100% to the module total.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	The student needs an A in C1.
B	The student needs a B in C1.
C	The student needs a C in C1.
D	The student needs a D in C1.
E	The student needs an E in C1.
F	The student needs a F in C1.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to SCQF 8 entry requirements or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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