

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Qualitative Research Methods

Reference	SS3026	Version	6
Created	February 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	June 2005	SCQF Points	15
Amended	February 2022	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with the skills to undertake, plan and organise social science research using qualitative methods.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Critically appraise qualitative research methods.
- 2 Evaluate the applicability of particular qualitative research methods.
- 3 Critically demonstrate knowledge of ethical issues in the research process.
- 4 Develop a systematic approach in reviewing literature.

Indicative Module Content

We will engage with qualitative research process, considering questions around: the philosophy of social science research; the importance of ethics; modes of data collection including interviews, online methods, ethnographic observation; modes of data analysis including thematic analysis, critical discourse analysis and content analysis. The module will consider critical approaches to understanding how research is situated in society and the importance of recognising power and positionality in social research.

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	36	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	114	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, 3, 4
Description:	Component 1 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 an 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 9 entry requirements or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 4 SILVERMAN, D., 2013. *Doing qualitative research: A practical handbook*. Sage.
- 5 THOMAS, G., 2017. *How to do your research project: A guide for students*. UK: Sage.