

MODULE TITLE	Research Methods		
Module Code	44-7975-00S		
Level	7		
Credit Points	15		
Indicative Assessment Components & Percentage Weightings	Coursework 40% Coursework 60%		
Pre-Requisite Modules (if applicable)	None		
Delivered according to Standard Academic Calendar YES	Long: 2 semesters NO	Short: 1 semester YES	Other delivery pattern:

1 MODULE AIMS

The aims of the module are to:

1. encourage students to critically evaluate and appraise published research and literature;
2. develop an understanding of the research process;
3. encourage a critical appreciation of the nature of quantitative and qualitative, inductive and deductive perspectives on research;
4. develop students' research skills so they can undertake their own research projects; and

2 MODULE LEARNING OUTCOMES

BY THE END OF THE MODULE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. critically evaluate published research;
2. appreciate the nature of quantitative, qualitative, inductive and deductive research perspectives;
3. evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of methodologies and associated methods;
4. demonstrate awareness of the ethical issues in research;
5. understand the principal issues involved in the development and application of selected research techniques and in the interpretation of research findings;
6. understand issues and methods involved in data collection, analysis and interpretation.

3 INDICATIVE LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

The approach to teaching and learning on this module is varied. Students will partake in core weekly lectures to provide a framework around which they will be required to read. Lectures will be supported by seminars and workshops which will provide opportunity for discussion, debate, application and review of research methods and techniques. Learner autonomy will be key in applying, developing and reviewing methods of inquiry and for seminar materials for student led work.

The module will be assessed by coursework. The first assignment will ask students to undertake a critical review of academic articles in the context of their own specific research field. The second assignment will ask students to develop, apply and critique research techniques.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY AND METHODS

Task No.	<u>TASK DESCRIPTION</u>	SI Code	Task Weighting %	Word Count / Duration	In-module retrieval available
1	Coursework	CW	40%	1500	No
2	Coursework	CW	60%	2500	No

4 INDICATIVE CONTENT

- critical literature search and literature reviewing;
- the research process;
- research methodology and frameworks;
- research techniques including for example: surveys and questionnaire design, interviews and types of questions, participant observation
- ethical and professional issues in research;
- research design.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MODULE

- **FURTHER / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS MODULE, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT CRITERIA DETAILING HOW YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THE MODULE WILL BE MEASURED, HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE FEEDBACK, DETAILS OF LEARNING RESOURCES AND KEY READINGS**
- **THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN:**
 - Module Handbook
 - Module Blackboard site
- **NOTE THAT THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR**

FINAL TASK

According to the Assessment Strategy shown in the Module Descriptor, which task will be the LAST TASK to be taken or handed-in? (Give task number as shown in the Assessment Strategy)	Task No. 2
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MODULE REFERRAL STRATEGY

Task for Task (as shown for initial assessment strategy)	Y
Single Referral Package for All Referred Students	N

REVISIONS

Date	Reason
July 2012	Assessment Framework review