



Module Specification

Research Methods and Techniques in Public and Uniformed Services

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Research Methods and Techniques in Public and Uniformed Services

Module code: UBGMT5-15-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt

Partner institutions: None

Field: Geography and Environmental Management

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcome.

Outline syllabus: Accessing and appraising research literature.

Different types of research design.

Understanding data: qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

Evaluate research and its potential for informing practice.

Developing research questions and devising methods for their investigation.

Ethical procedures and issues in research.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This module will be taught in semester 1 on 1 day per week.

This module will be based on a total amount of 150 hours study time of which 50 hours will represent scheduled learning.

Scheduled learning will comprise lectures, seminars, demonstrations, tutorial and interactive learning.

Scheduled learning may also take a synchronous virtual form rather than face-to-face, through the use of email discussion groups, virtual learning environments (VLEs) and other technology-aided means.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, assignment preparation and completion etc. Student study time will be organised each week with a series of both essential and further readings.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Demonstrate a broad understanding of research terminology and its applications to public and uniformed services

MO2 Review research literature relevant to the uniformed and public services using a recognised framework

MO3 Distinguish and critique research designs/methods and discuss the rationale for their use

MO4 Discuss ethical issues in research in public service

MO5 Extract, evaluate, synthesise and present information gained from primary and secondary sources

MO6 Understand differences in data and how this impacts on sampling and vice versa

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 100 hours

Face-to-face learning = 50 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: A range of assessment techniques will be employed to ensure that learners can meet the breadth of learning outcomes presented in this module alongside the ability to demonstrate transferable skills e.g. communication skills.

Project Proposal: The project topic will be chosen in consultation with members of the Faculty with appropriate subject knowledge. It is expected that students will present a description of an interesting research problem, justification for the choice of topic area, a literature search, a breakdown of the research methodology and a description of how the research findings will be used.

Opportunities for formative assessment exist for the assessment strategy used. Verbal feedback is given and all students will engage with personalised tutorials setting SMART targets as part of the programme design.

Assessment tasks:

Project (First Sit)

Description: Project proposal

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Project (Resit)

Description: Project proposal

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: