



University of the
West of England

STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Nature and Use of Research (Criminology)		
Module Code	UZSY65-15-2	Level	2
For implementation from	September 2018		
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5
Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Sociology & Criminology
Department	Health and Social Sciences		
Contributes towards	BA (Hons) Criminology, BA (Hons) Criminology (with Foundation Year) BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology, BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology (with Foundation Year) BA (Hons) Criminology and Law, BA (Hons) Criminology and Law (and Foundation Year) BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology, BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology (with Foundation Year)		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Content of the module will be congruent with disciplinary requirements and programme learning outcomes. Topics may include some of the following indicative areas, as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the nature and impact of ethics and governance processes upon the generation of knowledge research in their subject area • formulating research questions and using appropriate research design and data collection skills. • evaluating evidence of diverse kinds and drawing appropriate conclusions • managing and analysing data including indexing and retrieval of qualitative data, and use of basic statistics. • philosophical argument • philosophy and the limits of knowledge

- research design in the social sciences including; exploratory research; case studies; evaluation research; action research; comparative research; negotiating access; managing field work; reflexivity and the use of self in research
- the philosophy, sociology and politics of social research including positivism versus interpretivism; anti-discriminatory research; participative methods; ethics, privacy and confidentiality; legal issues; context and uses of social research; and working with marginalised and 'hard to reach' groups.

Approach

An aspiration of this module is that students become practiced at utilizing TEL, in particular through use of common online resources (on topics such as good ethical practice, developing research questions, writing research proposals) developed by the module team.

In seminars, students will engage in facilitated activities such as debates, problem based learning, group working, research etc.

Integral to this programme is the use of subject based as well as generic use of technologies. For instance, data analysis and modelling, are subject areas reliant on a range of contemporary technologies using public domain data sources such as Home Office crime statistics, World Health Organisation Databases.

In addition modern technologies may be incorporated by programme teams delivering the module as vehicles of learning (e.g. blogs, podcasts) and as vehicles for learning through formative and/or summative assessment (e.g. online portfolios, online tests, wikis, etc.)

The pattern of seminar delivery will vary according to the programmes the module is serving. The seminar schedule will be set and taught within programme teams, overseen by a single module leader.

For each contact hour, students will spend approximately 3 hours in independent study, including preparing their assessed portfolio.

Part 3: Assessment

Students are assessed summatively through a written assignment and an examination. Formative assessment will be undertaken within seminar sessions, and using techniques from a range of online approaches including quizzes, wikis, and online discussion.

The research proposal (component B) will prepare students for a final year project, and reflect a synthesis of relevant syllabus content, and be written for subject specialists.

Component A, will test students on the breadth of their knowledge and their understanding of research methodologies, including, but not limited to; appropriate research design, data collection, data analysis, ethical considerations in social science research and philosophies of research

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)

Component A

% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)

A:

25

B:

75

First Sit

Component A (controlled conditions)
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

1. 1 hour multiple choice exam

100

Component B
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

1. Research proposal (1500 words)

100

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)

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1. 1 hour multiple choice exam	100										
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)										
1. Research proposal (1500 words)	100										
Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods											
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) formulate research questions appropriate to their discipline (component B) 2) Identify the different approaches to research in criminology (component A&B) 3) Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts in research methodology, data collection and analysis (component A&B) 4) Demonstrate awareness of ethical issues in criminological research (component A&B) 										
Key Information Sets Information (KIS)	<u>Key Information Set - Module data</u>										
Contact Hours	<p>Number of credits for this module 15</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Hours to be allocated</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Scheduled learning and teaching study hours</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Independent study hours</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Placement study hours</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Allocated Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">150</td> <td style="text-align: center;">36</td> <td style="text-align: center;">114</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">150</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours	150	36	114	0	150
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Total Assessment	<p>The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a;</p> <p>Written Exam: Unseen or open book written exam Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project or in class test Practical Exam: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam (i.e. an exam determining mastery of a technique)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Total assessment of the module:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Written exam assessment percentage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coursework assessment percentage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Practical exam assessment percentage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total assessment of the module:		Written exam assessment percentage	0%	Coursework assessment percentage	75%	Practical exam assessment percentage	25%		100%
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Reading List	<p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/lists/C0617FCD-B971-CE44-B2C3-8BEF1258F2B6.html</p> <p>Indicative texts:</p> <p>Bryman, A. (2012) <i>Social Research Methods</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p>										

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