



## **Module Specification**

### **Introduction to Research**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Introduction to Research

**Module code:** UBGL11-30-1

**Level:** Level 4

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Environment & Technology

**Department:** FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt

**Partner institutions:** University Centre Weston

**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:** This module will introduce you to the research process; this will involve a combination of guided learning through both formal lectures and individual tutorials; with the initial emphasis being on lectures.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** The module will help develop academic, analytical and communication skills through the understanding of research through both experiential and academic learning.

**Outline syllabus:** You will be supported to undertake research into an agreed area of interest within the uniformed and public services.

You will be supported in developing the research objectives, the identification of different types of research methodologies and methods available to you and how to justify your approach through the use of academic literature. You will also identify and discuss the ethical implications of your approach; explore both quantitative and qualitative data; sampling techniques; before drawing conclusions.

The outcomes of this module will include a poster defence that discusses your proposal and the ethical implications of your research; the study will culminate in a written report.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** 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.

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

**MO1** Evaluate a research proposal

**MO2** Select a topic and appropriate methodology to effectively undertake a small scale research project.

**MO3** Explain and apply ethics in relation to a research project.

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Total = 300

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

## Part 4: Assessment

**Assessment strategy:** Assessment criteria on this module are aligned to the Learning Outcomes. There will be both formative and summative assessment throughout. This reflects an 'assessment for learning' approach which is integral to the Learning and Teaching Strategies of UWE and University Centre Weston.

The report will be 2500 word research project report. The poster presentation will be 15 minutes with added time for questioning.

Resit will follow a similar format.

### Assessment tasks:

#### Poster (First Sit)

Description: Poster defence (15 mins presentation and 10 minutes questioning)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3

#### Report (First Sit)

Description: Research Project Report (2500 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

**Poster (Resit)**

Description: Poster Defence (15 mins presentation and 10 mins questioning)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3

**Report (Resit)**

Description: Research Project Report (2500 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Uniformed and Public Services [UCW] BA (Hons) 2023-24

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