



Module Specification

Research Methods

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Research Methods

Module code: UZSYP8-15-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Sociology and Criminology

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 students to the research process; this will involve a combination of guided learning through both formal lectures, formative activities and individual tutorials.

Features: Within this module students will develop an understanding of the importance of research within the social sciences and the skills required to both conduct research and interpret research results.

Educational aims: This module aims to equip students with a range of skills including critical analysis and interpretation of data. Selection and justification of methods and an appreciation of the role of ethical research.

Outline syllabus: This module may include, but is not limited to:

Selecting areas for research

Forming aims and objectives

Types of data

Data collection methods

Selecting appropriate methodology

Data analysis and interpretation

Ethical research

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module may consist of the following activities:

Lectures

Seminars

Formative activities

1:1 tutorials

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

MO1 Generate and justify an area for research.

MO2 Select and evaluate a range of methods required to conduct a small scale research project.

MO3 Identify and critically discuss ethical considerations that may apply to your study.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 105 hours

Face-to-face learning = 45 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/6F1D4EAF-108B-82A4-D18F-67BEDE1C861C.html?lang=en-GB) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/6F1D4EAF-108B-82A4-D18F-67BEDE1C861C.html?lang=en-GB>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy of this module will require preparation of a poster defence that proposes an area for research and discusses and defends a chosen methodology. In addition, you must identify any ethical considerations and suggest how these could be mitigated, before evaluating your proposal.

Assessment tasks:

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Ten minute poster presentation followed by a ten minute question and answer discussion.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Ten minute poster presentation followed by a ten minute question and answer discussion.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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