



## **Module Specification**

### **Social Work Research Proposal**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Social Work Research Proposal

**Module code:** UZVYRT-30-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2028-29

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**College:** College of Health, Science & Society

**School:** CHSS School of Health and Social Wellbeing

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Health, Community and Policy Studies

**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 enable you to develop your skills, knowledge, and capability to write a research proposal that is ethically and methodologically sound, in relation to an area of social work practice.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** The aim of this module is to equip you with skills and knowledge to understand the importance of relevant to social work and to develop your own

proposal for a piece of research. By developing your proposal, you will evaluate and appraise the tools that help identify existing literature, ethical issues, research methods, and types of data analysis required to answer your research question. The module's teaching and assessment will support you to develop a sound practical understanding of the importance of research to furthering social work practice.

**Outline syllabus:** You will develop your critical understanding of methodology and a range of research methods and their application to specific research questions. You will discuss a range of types of research and data collection methods from which you will select an appropriate method for your own research proposal. You will develop an understanding of the purpose and importance of undertaking a structured critical literature review for considering the existing knowledge base relevant to your research question.

You will learn how to search the literature so that you can access the information you need to develop your proposal. Ethical issues relevant to undertaking research will also be considered.

In this module the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) 3 Good Health and Wellbeing, 10 Reduced Inequalities and 5 Gender Equality will be considered.

Studying this module will also help you meet the requirements of the social work Professional Capabilities Framework: Domain 2 Values and Ethics, Domain 5 Knowledge, Domain 6 Critical Reflection and Analysis Domain 9, Professional Leadership

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

**Teaching and learning methods:** You will engage with a range of learning opportunities studying this module which may include lectures, seminar groups, peer discussion groups, workshops, group and one-to-one supervision with allocated supervisor.

Independent learning includes hours for study with essential reading, use of online resources, assignment preparation and completion. Learners are encouraged to sign up for relevant study skills sessions with the Library.

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

**MO1** Investigate an area of social work practice and appraise the relevant literature relevant to the research subject area

**MO2** Critically appraisal research paradigms, literature, methods, and data analysis and their application to your chosen social work research context.

**MO3** Design a research proposal that addresses a research question that is ethically and methodologically sound, and that includes an analysis of the data to address the question.

**MO4** Critically discuss the ethical consideration in undertaking social work research in general, and specifically in relation to your proposal.

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvrts-30-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvrts-30-3.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** You will be provided with formative support by members of the module team on an individual and/or small group basis. This will give opportunities for feedback and support from the academics and your peer group. There will additional support sessions provided by the library to enable you to develop your skills in database search strategies and academic writing.

Your summative assessment will be a 4000-word (maximum) research project proposal. You will draw on contemporary research, and review of the literature, to pose a research question, and to design a unique research proposal that could be used to investigate your area of interest.

**Assessment tasks:****Final Project (First Sit)**

Description: Research Proposal informed by a literature review 4000 words

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Final Project (Resit)**

Description: Research Proposal informed by a literature review 4000 words

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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