



Module Specification

Advanced Interdisciplinary Research Design

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Advanced Interdisciplinary Research Design

Module code: UBGMRQ-15-M

Level: Level 7

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: Research Design and Methodologies 2023-24

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Co- requisites: students must take UBGMVP-30-M Research Portfolio, UBGMV8-30-M Research, Design and Methodologies, Contemporary debates in Sustainability (UoBristol module) or Contemporary debates in Health and Wellbeing (UoExeter module).

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: On completion of the module students will be able to critically assess concepts such as interdisciplinarity, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary. They will have an acquired knowledge and practical skills of how a range of research methods can be integrated in an ethically sound manner to examine interdisciplinary problems, and will have developed an appreciation of the importance of pertinent inter-disciplinary thinking.

Outline syllabus: The module will fulfil the ESRC requirement for training in core research design, collection and analysis skills by addressing the on the ground characteristics and challenges of doing interdisciplinary research.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Contact Hours and Assessment.

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

C1 Understand and communicate the complexities of defining and describing interdisciplinary research

C2 Appreciate the inherent and necessary interdisciplinarity of studying contemporary social science issues

C3 Demonstrate analytical and conceptual skills in their research design and written work

C4 Acquire relevant critical skills for the evaluation of evidence

C5 Acquire the ability to address interdisciplinary problems from a range of social science perspectives

C6 Understand the ethical aspects of interdisciplinary research

D1 Develop good communications skills when presenting to an interdisciplinary audience. Time management

D2 Written and oral communication. Lateral, critical and analytical reasoning. Planning and implementing applied research projects

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 135 hours

Face-to-face learning = 15 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgmrq-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgmrq-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Formative: the workshops will work towards groups presentations in the final workshop that will assist students develop their assessed individual research design project.

Summative: Project (3000 Words) - Individual Research Design Project.

Resit Project - a similar brief to that described above, which may include some topic changes.

Assessment tasks:

Project (First Sit)

Description: Individual research design project of 3,000 words

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, D1, D2

Project (Resit)

Description: Individual research design project of 3,000 words

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, D1, D2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Social Research (Sustainable Futures) [Frenchay] MRes 2023-24

Social Research (Health and Wellbeing) [Frenchay] MRes 2023-24

Social Research (Sustainable Futures) [Frenchay] MRes 2022-23

Social Research (Health and Wellbeing) [Frenchay] MRes 2022-23