

Module title: Research Methods

Module code:	LRM	NQF level:	Level 6
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 weeks

Module description

This is a 15 credit Level 6 module which forms part of the core of the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology/Business. The module covers the general methods and approaches that inform correct legal and academic practice and argument.

Aims

- Support students in planning and formulating their Final Year Research Project
- Give students the opportunity to develop skills in research

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effectively obtain and analyse primary and secondary legal materials and sources needed for their research project. ▪ Formulate an acceptable research proposal for their dissertation ▪ Apply core study skills, including: note taking; biographical search techniques; source | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ analysis; essay writing; giving presentations; undertaking independent research ▪ Independently conduct their learning: correctly identify sources for research, using a variety of printed and electronic sources. ▪ Communicate effectively, and use terminology with consistent clarity and accuracy. |
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Syllabus

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working independently ▪ Making the most of the online libraries and using online sources ▪ Creating a research question ▪ Conducting a literature review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bibliographies and referencing ▪ Presentations 1 ▪ Presentations 2` ▪ Writing a research proposal 1 ▪ Writing a research proposal 2 |
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Learning and teaching methods

The learning and teaching methods for the module follow the intended online delivery Strategy for the Programme as a whole.

The module will be delivered by reading materials available on the learning platform supported by discussion forums and online lectures using the Adobe Connect synchronous communication and application sharing facility. Students will be encouraged to identify and share relevant web-based resources.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 Discussions	2 weeks	NA	20%
Mid Module Assignment	10 to 15 minutes presentation	Mid term	40%
End of Module Project – Research Proposal	2,500 – 3,000 words	End term	40%