

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: RESEARCH METHODS  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5002POLIT** (114674)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5  
**Credit Value:** 12.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 30.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 90

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10.000
Off Site	6.000
Tutorial	4.000
Workshop	10.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Report on field work activity, 1,500 words.	60.0	
Essay	AS2	Research Proposal 1,000 words.	40.0	

### Aims

*To provide a practical introduction to research methods in the Social Sciences.  
To support students in defining and refining appropriate research questions in preparation for production of a Dissertation or Guided Project at level three.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Distinguish between and evaluate the appropriateness of a range of research methods.
- 2 Undertake a small-scale research project and analyse and report on the findings.
- 3 Define a research area and produce a Research Proposal.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay	1	2
Essay	3	

## Outline Syllabus

*Approaches to research*  
*Sources of information*  
*Qualitative and quantitative methods; case studies*  
*Structured group fieldwork*  
*Preparing a Research Proposal*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops, structured field work, tutorials to support production of Research Proposal.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Denscombe, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	The Good Research Guide
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Maidenhead: Open University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Eichler, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1991
<b>Title</b>	Non-sexist Research Methods: A Practical Guide

<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Routledge
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	McIntyre, L.J.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Need to Know: Social Science Research Methods
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: McGraw-Hill
<b>ISBN</b>	

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### Notes

The module provides a practical introduction to Social Science research methods in preparation for a final year Dissertation or Guided Project.