

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Researching British Society  
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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:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 40.5  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 159.5

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Seminar	2
Workshop	26

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	Research Report 3000 Words	70	
Exam	AS2	1.5 Hour Exam	30	1.5

### Aims

1. To appraise the value of a number of univariate and bivariate manipulations of a secondary dataset;
2. To carry out appropriate univariate and bivariate analyses of a large dataset using a statistical computer package (SPSS), and,

3. To use these skills to generate sociological arguments based upon a large dataset

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 1. Understand the merits and limitations of researching British society/societies using survey-generated quantitative data;
- 2 2. Carry out appropriate univariate and bivariate analyses of variables in a large quantitative dataset;
- 3 3. Draw out and make sociological arguments based upon secondary data analysis of the large dataset, and,
- 4 4. Write a research report based upon this analysis.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Report	2	3	4
Exam	1		

## Outline Syllabus

*Measuring society using survey data;*  
*Exploring variables and recoding data;*  
*Univariate analysis;*  
*Bivariate analysis;*  
*Generating arguments based upon analysis of variables.*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, Seminars, Computer Workshops.

## Notes

The module will have students understand, evaluate and analyse the merits and shortcomings of secondary data analysis of a large quantitative dataset, downloadable from the UK Data Archive.