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Title: RESEARCH PROJECT IN CRITICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 60 **Total Delivered Hours:** 30
Total Learning Hours: 600 **Private Study:** 570

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Non Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	4
Online	6
Seminar	4
Tutorial	16

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	Research Project	100	

Aims

To support participants in applying critical skills in advanced research methods and methodologies, identifying appropriate parameters, theoretical frameworks, methodologies and resources and situating the proposed work accordingly;

To support participants in developing and modifying the ongoing research project through discussion, reflection and feedback;

To practice defending arguments and interpretations, relating to the research project, in an appropriate and scholarly manner through oral presentation and written work.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Develop a complex and specialised area of theoretical knowledge and skills in an area relevant to critical social science;
- 2 Design and apply appropriate research methodologies;
- 3 Communicate the results of their research project.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Research Project 1 2 3

Outline Syllabus

The module will be taught in seminars, group and individual tutorials, with practical sessions and field visits as appropriate. Lectures and seminars will offer support in the following:

- *Undertaking ethical research*
- *Research project planning and management*
- *What to expect from supervision*
- *Undertaking and analysing empirical work*
- *Organising, structuring and writing your research report*

Students will define individual aims and objectives through tutorial guidance. Typically tutorials will focus upon:

- *Advanced research methods, including, where appropriate, archival research.*
- *Advanced Literature Searching*
- *Formulating a methodology in the specific subject context.*
- *File Management.*
- *Presentation of thesis and practice.*
- *How to perform successfully/confidently in a viva voce.*
- *Structuring an M level research project*
- *Setting parameters for research.*
- *Defining a theoretical framework.*
- *Offering guidance and support on the research.*

Learning Activities

As defined by the individual project.

Notes

This module assesses the ability to present, in scholarly form, a sustained piece of research which demonstrates knowledge and understanding of a relevant field, appropriate methodologies and critical context, which organizes material into a clear and relevant argument, and shows the ability to work independently. Through seminar discussion and supervision the module enables students to undertake detailed work for MRes and preparation for the possibility of transfer to Ph.D. research. It also provides an opportunity for building on advanced skills in research and scholarship assessed at Certificate and Diploma modules, students will undertake a programme of research, design, critique and revision of their proposed area of study.