

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: RESEARCH METHODS FOR ARTS, PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 30 **Total Delivered Hours:** 28
Total Learning Hours: 300 **Private Study:** 272

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	12
Workshop	4

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Search Narrative - 1500 words	40	
Essay	AS2	Comparative analysis of methods - 2500 words	60	

Aims

- 1. To introduce students to library, bibliographic, on-line, and other facilities necessary for postgraduate research;*
- 2. To assist students in recognizing and applying appropriate strategies for developing a research project - identifying research questions, theoretical problems,*

material for analysis and critical position;

3. To develop students' capacities for evaluating strengths and weaknesses in the methodologies of researchers in their field;

4. To help students gain confidence in communicating their ideas verbally to their peers, and conform to postgraduate-level standards for the presentation of written work.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify and access appropriate archives and bibliographical resources, distinguishing between primary and secondary sources.
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of methodologies and techniques relevant to their own research project.
- 3 Evaluate the methodologies of scholars in their own field.
- 4 Outline the scope and content of their research project, writing clearly and in an appropriate style.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Search Narrative	1	2
Comparative Analysis	3	4

Outline Syllabus

- *using resources: library resources, search techniques*
- *exploring, creating and analysing archives*
- *research question and project design*
- *theory and methodology: qualitative and quantitative methods, working with participants identifying academic communities and scholarly debates*
- *developing analytical skills*
- *constructing an argument: argument by evidence / argument by warrant*
- *presentation skills: oral presentation, writing, editing, referencing*

Students will address the above topics through reflection on their own research practices and discussion of weekly readings in which they will be invited to critique the methods of published research.

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, workshops and study days.

Notes

This module introduces and develops generic research skills for students in arts, humanities and social science. It is intended to guide them as they undertake individual research projects, helping them develop productive research questions, define the parameters of their research, apply suitable methods and present findings in a manner appropriate to their field. The module will also give students the opportunity to see themselves as part of a community of postgraduate researchers, and present their ideas to their peers accordingly.