

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to Research Methods
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
Teaching School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 10
Total Delivered Hours: 25
Total Learning Hours: 100
Private Study: 75

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Non Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Seminar	5

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	proposal	a 2000-word proposal	100	

Aims

To provide a critical knowledge base of the philosophy and underpinning assumptions of research for social work and prepare the student to carry out empirical and literature based research

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically discuss the key paradigms in social care research.
- 2 Critically review available sources of information to develop appropriate research questions
- 3 Critically apply research methods to research questions
- 4 Critically analyse the ethical dimensions of research.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

research proposal	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

1. *Overview of research and debate in social work in relation to the nature and role of evaluation and research methods.*
2. *Review of some recent and classic social research methods and case studies of research related to social work, including practitioner research.*
3. *The problems and dilemmas of data collection and data analysis; using IT packages to aid data analysis.*
4. *Ethical issues and social work values in research: epistemology, moral and social theory;*
5. *Designing a research proposal for a Master's level dissertation: empirical and theoretical issues.*

Learning Activities

The module will be delivered via a series of lectures which will help students develop and enhance their understanding of research methods gained from undergraduate study. These methods will be studied within the context of professional social work values and approaches. The lectures will be supported by directed study, small group seminars and individual supervision from dissertation supervisor. These activities aim to help students develop their understanding and apply their knowledge to the development of the research proposal for their study within the dissertation.

Notes

This module aims to develop and assess the knowledge of research methods, and understanding and transferable skills in the independent investigation, research, communication and evaluation of issues related to effective and ethical professional practice and policy. The module will provide feedback for students in relation to the development of the research proposal, this preparing them for the dissertation.

This module is part of the learning that will ensure that students have reached the 'readiness for direct practice (prior to first placement) ' level descriptor outlined by

the College of Social work's Professional Capabilities Framework – Levels for social work Students.