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Title: Advanced Research Methods for Social Science
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 30 **Total Delivered Hours:** 40
Total Learning Hours: 300 **Private Study:** 260

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10
Workshop	30

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS 1	Essay on methodology (2,000 words)	40	
Portfolio	AS 2	Portfolio of methods skill (3,000 words)	60	

Aims

- 1. To understand the philosophical underpinnings of criminology and social policy research and practice.*
- 2. To evaluate and understand the contested and political nature of knowledge and the complex relationship between social research and the policy environment.*

3. *To critically evaluate a range of quantitative and qualitative research methods used in relevant fields of enquiry.*
4. *To develop advanced data analysis skills, including the use of specialist software tools.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the philosophical underpinnings of criminological and social policy research.
- 2 Critically examine the influence of stakeholders on the design, delivery and outcomes in the research process.
- 3 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the relative advantages and disadvantages of qualitative and quantitative methods, to make informed decisions about their suitability for a particular research need.
- 4 Demonstrate an ability to apply appropriate analyses to different types of data.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	2
Portfolio	3	4

Outline Syllabus

The course will cover the following areas: research methodology and its links with epistemology, ontology and wider philosophies of knowledge production; qualitative methods; quantitative methods; data analysis and processing; research ethics.

Learning Activities

Learning is structured through a range of activities conducted via weekly sessions. There will be 10 hours of lectures complimented by 40 hours of workshops utilizing a range of different learning activities around research, both practical and theoretical/methodological.

Notes

The module focuses on the development and application of key quantitative and qualitative methods for social data investigation and problem-solving. Familiarity with a range of methods and competencies to critique and make appropriate use of quantitative and qualitative approaches within real world contexts is a key aim as is the development of career-ready methodological skills