

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7100CSP
Formal Module Title	Advanced Research Methods for Social Science
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	10
Workshop	30

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

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.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the philosophical underpinnings of criminological and social policy research.
MLO2	2	Critically examine the influence of stakeholders on the design, delivery and outcomes in the research process.
MLO3	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.
MLO4	4	Demonstrate an ability to apply appropriate analyses to different types of data.

Module Content

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.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	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

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	40	0	MLO1, MLO2
Portfolio	Portfolio	60	0	MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Helen Beckett Wilson	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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