

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Research Methods for English Studies  
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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:** 30      **Total Delivered Hours:** 28  
**Total Learning Hours:** 300      **Private Study:** 272

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	24
Tutorial	4

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Research task reflection, 2000 words	40	
Essay	AS2	Comparative analysis of research methods, 3000 words	60	

### Aims

1. To deepen students' understanding of library, bibliographic, online and other facilities necessary for postgraduate research;
2. To assist students in recognizing and applying appropriate strategies for developing advanced level research projects;
3. To enhance students' capacities for evaluating strengths and weaknesses in the

*methodologies of researchers in their field;*

*4. To develop and nuance verbal communication skills, to enable the expression of complex ideas 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;
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of methodologies and theoretical approaches relevant to their own research interests;
- 3 Evaluate the methodologies of scholars in their own field;
- 4 Discuss advanced level research and present written work to a postgraduate-level standard.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Research Task 2000 words	1	2
Analysis 3000 words	3	4

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Students will cover the following topics through a combination of presentations from staff, reflection on the progress of their own research skills, and discussion of set reading in which they will be invited to critique the methods of published research:*

- 1. Using resources / key search techniques*
- 2. Exploring, creating and analysing archives*
- 3. Developing a research question*
- 4. Defining methodology / engaging with theory*
- 5. Applying analytical skills*
- 6. Constructing and argument*
- 7. Oral and written presentation skills*

## **Learning Activities**

Seminars and Workshops.

## **Notes**

This module introduces and develops research skills for students in English Studies. It is intended to guide them as they undertake postgraduate level study, helping them to develop high-level skills in recognizing and evaluating research methods and reflecting on and developing their own research and academic writing skills. 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.