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Title: Critical Social Science Project Development
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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 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	12
Workshop	4

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Literature Review, 3000 Words	50	

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS2	Dissertation Plan and Research Diary, 3000 Words	50	

Aims

1. *To promote reflection on students' theoretical and methodological orientation and help them situate their own work in relation to advances within the field;*
2. *To help students acquire skills and confidence in chairing discussion and presenting their own ideas;*
3. *To prepare for the writing phase by mapping out the different elements of the project and organising them into an appropriate structure.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Outline and evaluate current scholarship in the field relating to their project;
- 2 Articulate an appropriate theoretical and methodological framework;
- 3 Demonstrate originality and critical awareness in conceiving and undertaking a research task, presenting findings in a suitable scholarly format.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Literature Review	1	2
Dissertation Plan	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Students continue to explore critical approaches as they relate to their own research. Under guidance from the module tutor and their supervisor, each student is asked to propose set reading related to their project, lead a group discussion evaluating its significance as an intervention in the field, and reflect on its application to their own work.

Further sessions consist of workshops from invited members of criminology and sociology on their own research trajectories, and practical sessions on key skills – refining a research question, compiling a literature review, preparing for a public presentation.

Learning Activities

Presentations, seminars, workshops, one-to-one tutorials.

Notes

Students will undertake a course of reading in recent scholarship that is determined by their own research interests, while regular workshop sessions help them compile a literature review and develop a structure for the writing stage of the project. At the end of the module students will be in a position to develop the structure of their research project.