

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Advanced Research Skills  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7102PS** (124502)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 48  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 152

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24
Tutorial	12
Workshop	12

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	report	Research Proposal report of 2,500 words	50	
Presentation	poster	Academic poster (with separate reference list)	50	

### Aims

*The module aims to prepare students for the dissertation by introducing key epistemological and methodological issues that impact upon research into crime, security, community safety and criminal justice. While exploring the politics and practice of research in these areas the module will introduce research theories and methods*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Recognise and evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of various theoretical perspectives on social research
- 2 Organise and critically review literature in preparation for research.
- 3 Differentiate between quantitative and qualitative research methods showing the strengths and weaknesses of each whether used individually or in combination
- 4 Support and present findings drawn from quantitative or qualitative data

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Research Design Proposal	1	2	3
Academic Research Poster	4		

## Outline Syllabus

*An indicative range of topics includes:*

*Introduction: What is Social Research?*

*The politics of research in a professional environment*

*Ethical issues in research*

*Producing a Literature Review*

*Designing and conducting research*

*Analysing research data*

## Learning Activities

Teaching will mainly be delivered via interactive workshops and will also combine lectures and visits from relevant guest speakers. Teaching will also be supported by tutorial drop-in sessions.

## Notes

This module aims to give students a comprehensive introduction to both the theory and practice of research on crime, community safety, security and the criminal justice system. The assignments for this module are designed to be as useful and practical as possible for students planning and undertaking research at the Masters level for the first time.