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Title: Research Skills
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Owning School/Faculty: Engineering
Teaching School/Faculty: Engineering

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 10 **Total Delivered Hours:** 22
Total Learning Hours: 100 **Private Study:** 78

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	16
Tutorial	6

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Literature review, critique of designated paper and project plan. 2500 words	100	

Aims

The aims of this module are to prepare the students to undertake their own research projects and to deliver the required skill set for successful completion of their investigations.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically analyse and reflect on the work of other practitioners/researchers
- 2 Formulate a research plan, demonstrating an understanding of the effect of risks and uncertainties in the delivery of a complex project.
- 3 Present comprehensive research results according to appropriate conventions

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio of work	1	2	3
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Outline Syllabus

Introduction to search methods for literature.

Styles and conventions associated with technical writing, presentations and speaking to technical audiences.

Project planning activities and tools, time management, use of Gantt charts.

Strategies for designing experiments and statistical considerations.

Data handling, quantitative analysis of results and presentation of results to technical and managerial audiences.

Management of project risk and health and safety considerations when conducting engineering tests and experiments.

Learning Activities

The module will be delivered through a programme of lectures and supporting tutorials.

Notes

This module is important as it sets the groundwork for the completion of the MSc project. The module provides grounding in the skill required to formulate a project plan, design experiments, mitigate against uncertainties and deliver a comprehensive description of the results.