

Summary Information

Module Code	7510CSPUC
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

Module Contacts**Module Leader**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Will Jackson	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Unicaf

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	10
Workshop	30

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	28 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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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the philosophical underpinnings of criminological and social policy research.
MLO2	Critically examine the influence of stakeholders on the design, delivery and outcomes in the research process.
MLO3	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	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)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	40	0	MLO1, MLO2
Portfolio	Portfolio	60	0	MLO3, MLO4