

Module Details	
Module Title	Applying Social Science in Real World Contexts: research and employment
Module Code	SAC5016-B
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	20
School	School of Social Sciences
Subject Area	Sociology and Criminology
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Practical Classes or Workshops	3
Seminars	6
Lectures	16
Directed Study	175

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
1. To provide students with the skills to produce a coherent and academically well-informed dissertation proposal in advance of their final-year dissertation. 2. To provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to prepare for the world of work either in the form of a final year work placement or in preparation for seeking employment on graduation. 3. To develop the ability of students to work increasingly independently and analyse their skills, abilities and resources.

Outline Syllabus

Research contexts and methodologies; choosing a topic; literature reviews; qualitative and quantitative data collection; IT use in a research context; library resources; research ethics; workplace opportunities and challenges; time management; applying workplace experiences to academic contexts; understanding organisations.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Critically evaluate academic research materials in developing a dissertation topic.
02	Identify the necessary skills, attributes and knowledge required in order to produce a dissertation.
03	Produce a literature review.
04	Demonstrate preparedness for work through identifying, evaluating and reflecting upon necessary skills, attributes and knowledge.
05	Critically explore and evaluate the features of a workplacement experience (at level 6 or relevant to graduate employment)
06	Conduct library research for an extended academic project.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures will provide knowledge and discussion of key issues relating to both research and employment. Seminars will develop employment or research-related knowledge depending partly on the chosen destination of students in their final year; work placement or academic modules. Library workshops will enhance practical learning skills. Alongside this, students will undertake guided study as a means of deepening understanding of the topics within the contact sessions and gradually developing expertise in relation to specific elements of the assessment, such as CV-writing and explaining a methodological approach to undergraduate research.

The assessments demonstrate student knowledge related to producing a specific research topic and evaluate knowledge, skills and attributes relevant to workplace contexts.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	A work-related portfolio of skills-related self-analysis (2000 words)	N/A	50%
Summative	Coursework	A Dissertation Proposal. (2000 words)	N/A	50%
Formative	Coursework	Feedback on proposal outline	500 words	N/A
Formative	Coursework	Students will have the opportunity to produce a draft curriculum vitae for feedback from their Personal Tutor	1000 words	N/A

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Please note:

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