

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Doing Criminological Research
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	4
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	CRI4035

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>This module introduces students to both qualitative and quantitative criminological research methods and students will develop a basic understanding of how to design research appropriately in relation to a specific topic. This module will equip students to: develop an understanding of the relationship between theories and methods; understand a range of research methods and methods of analysis and develop the critical analyses and practical skills that are required to carry out research.</p> <p>This module is important as it is concerned with giving students a basic, introductory understanding of the importance of criminological research and the role which quantitative and qualitative analysis and methods can play.</p> <p>This provides the foundations for the level 5 module <i>Beyond the Statistics</i> and the level 6 ERP module. The module provides students with a basic understanding of how to design research appropriately in relation to a specific problem or topic and gives them an understanding of how to evaluate both qualitative and quantitative data. This is a core module for the following degree programmes: BA (Hons) Criminology; BA (Hons) Criminology, Policing and Investigation and BA (Joint Hons) Criminology and Security Studies.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Criminological Research?</li> <li>• Social Research and Philosophies: A Case Study Approach</li> <li>• Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches: A Case Study Approach</li> <li>• Planning your Research</li> <li>• Doing Criminological Research: Part 1</li> <li>• Doing Criminological Research: Part 2</li> <li>• Ethics in Criminological Research: A Case Study Approach</li> <li>• The Politics of Researching Criminology: Who Conducts Research?</li> <li>• Data Analysis and Assessment Session</li> </ul>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>	
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>	
	<b>1</b>	Exhibit knowledge and understanding of qualitative and/ or quantitative research methods and analytical techniques.
	<b>2</b>	Articulate an understanding of the methodological, practical and ethical issues associated with conducting criminological research.
	<b>3</b>	Justify choosing a particular research method to answer specific research questions.
	<b>4</b>	Apply knowledge, understanding and intellectual skills gained throughout the module, which can link to the students' individual employability development.

<b>8</b>	<b>Module Assessment</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>			
	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
<b>1-4</b>	<b>X</b>		

<b>9</b>	<b>Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities</b>	
<b>Learning Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>	
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36	
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	44	
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	120	
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200	