

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Beyond the Statistics
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	CRI5070

5 Module Overview

This module provides learners with the opportunity to develop a more in-depth knowledge and understanding of the different procedures used for qualitative data collection, analysis, interpretation and presentation. Students will particularly be encouraged to think critically about the diverse assumptions that underpin criminological research enabling the wider focus of the programme concerned with the historical and political framework within which Criminology is situated to be explored. More specifically, the module aims to develop an awareness of the partiality of all social research (focusing in particular on key stratifications such as 'race', gender and sexuality, and class).

The module not only provides learners with the ability to assess the value and appropriateness of existing research, but also it will enable learners to identify an appropriate research strategy for specific research problems. This module will develop in-depth theoretical perspectives first introduced in the foundational Doing Criminological Research module at level 4 and upon completion serves as an appropriate foundation to be built upon within the Integrated Project module at level 6.

6 Indicative Content

Designing a Research Project: Where to begin and what to think about- introduction to the 'ologies'
 From research idea to research question: getting to grips with ontology and epistemology
 What? How? Who? When? Where? Exploring Methodologies
 Workshop: Making sense of methodology
 Qualitative Research in the 'Real World'- Bidding for Research Contracts
 Critical Issues in Research Proposal: Asking the difficult questions
 Getting data and making sense of it: Collection and Analysis
 Data collection and analysis does your approach make sense?
 Using quantitative methods: parametric and non-parametric data
 Testing hypotheses: data analysis in quantitative methods.

7	Module Learning Outcomes		
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:			
	1	Display knowledge and understanding of the theoretical, ethical and political debates surrounding social research.	
	2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the links between theories and methods.	
	3	Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of different modes of research.	
	4	Clearly communicate ideas and arguments in both oral and written form, working with and relating effectively with other students in the process.	

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In Person
1-4			X

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities		
Learning Activities	Hours		
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	34		
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	46		
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	120		
Total Study Hours:	200		