

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Research in Practice
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	BNV6136

5	Module Overview
<p>For this module you will be investigating a named site; using common research methods discussed in class you will gather data on various elements of the site and impacting on the site. This module dovetails with the Design Project module: the site for that module and this will be the same. This will ensure the applicability of the research you do for Research in Practice. During the module, contemporary issues of sustainability in the built environment will also be covered, as potential elements to be included in future design work. The use of an applied project to develop research skills and enhance specific knowledge of contemporary issues in this way means this module fits well with the overall programme philosophy of 'problem based learning' or a 'flipped curriculum'. In so doing, it develops and enhances the transferable skills essential for the modern professional.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Introduction to research and research methodologies Ethics, reflection and referencing Observation Site visit Concept mapping Quantitative Methods – Interviews Secondary sources Coursework help</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
1	Plan and manage a variety of types of data collection in a professional and ethical manner.
2	Access, retrieve and evaluate primary and secondary information from a range of appropriate sources pertinent to a potential development site.
3	Communicate the process and findings of research in written and / or graphical form to a professional standard, with the findings applied to the potential development site.
4	Reflect critically on the undertaking of research and information finding.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1, 2, 4	X		
3			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	48
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	72
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	80
Total Study Hours:	200