IB9HY-15 Research Methods

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Department
Warwick Business School
Level
Taught Postgraduate Level
Module leader
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Credit value
15
Module duration
5 weeks
Assessment
100% coursework
Study location
University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

The main aim of this module is to help students with the development of their MSc Dissertation.

Module web page

Module aims

The main aim of this module is to help students with the development of their MSc Dissertation. Students will learn how to identify theoretical or practical issues in the field by exploring their chosen research area, developing their research questions, and designing a solid dissertation project. Students will be exposed to a broad range of research design options used in the field, which will enable them to put together their own proposal for their dissertation project.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

- Session 1 – Research Design and the Literature
  Introduction to research paradigms, research design, and doing a Literature Review

- Session 2: Research Data
  Qualitative data collection and analysis methods, quantitative data collection and analysis and web-based data collection
- Session 3 & 4: Individual Proposal Development Work
- Session 5: Writing up

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- To gain an understanding of the research traditions, research design and underlying principles of quantitative and qualitative research.
- To learn about the key data generation methods in the field.
- Carry out analysis and critique.
- Use appropriate models and framework for conceptualizing and/or testing.

Indicative reading list

Reading lists can be found in Talis

Subject specific skills

To enable students to choose the most appropriate research method(s) to address a particular research question(s).
To obtain the knowledge and develop the required skills for undertaking dissertation project.

Transferable skills

Writing skills.
Analysis and critique of other work.
Presentation.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	5 sessions of 6 hours (20%)
Private study	48 hours (32%)
Assessment	72 hours (48%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Private study to include preparation for lectures and guided reading

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Individual Research Proposal for dissertation Dissertation plan	70%	50 hours	Yes (extension)
Reassessment component			
Viva			No
Assessment component			
Individual proposal development work 1000 words.	30%	22 hours	Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Written feedback

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of TIBS-G5N4 Postgraduate Taught Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation