

QS305-15 Numbers in the Workplace (Placement)

23/24

Department

Sociology

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

Ulf Liebe

Credit value

15

Module duration

9 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

Placement providers

Description

Introductory description

This module includes a 4-week placement which renders students' degree professionally relevant, enabling students to develop real world employability skills and apply data analysis skills in a non-academic setting.

Module aims

To enable students to:

- Undertake a 4-week work placement;
- Prepare for consultancy work in quantitative analysis during their placement;
- Reflecting on the transferable and disciplinary skills gained on the placement, and applying the learning back into the discipline in their third year work;
- Gain a practical experience of working with numerical data in the workplace and appreciate their role.

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.

Workshops (introduction, CV design, statistical software, poster design) before and after the placement.

4-week placement.

Learning outcomes

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

- Develop a range of transferable professional skills for future employment (e.g. CV design, job application, cover letter. etc.)
- Develop a critical understanding of the role of data analysis in the workplace
- Develop professional practice with clients
- Become familiar with key terminology and soft skills associated with acting as a consultant in quantitative analysis

Subject specific skills

Critical understanding of the role of data analysis in the workplace.

Familiarity with key terminology and soft skills associated with acting as a consultant in quantitative analysis.

Transferable skills

A range of transferable professional skills for future employment (e.g. CV design, job application, cover letter. etc.)

Study

Study time

| Type | Required |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Seminars | 3 sessions of 1 hour (2%) |
| Placement | 147 hours (98%) |
| Total | 150 hours |

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

| Category | Description | Funded by | Cost to student |
|----------|--|------------|-----------------|
| Other | Student Bursary, funding agreed by Q-Step Steering Committee | Department | £0.00 |

Assessment

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

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group A3

| Assessment component | Weighting | Study time | Eligible for self-certification |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Poster | 30% | | Yes (extension) |
| Poster on the placement | | | |
| Reassessment component is the same | | | |
| Assessment component | | | |
| Reflective Essay (2500 words) | 70% | | Yes (extension) |
| 2500-words essay | | | |
| Reassessment component is the same | | | |

Feedback on assessment

Summative: Written feedback will be provided on the summative essay.

Availability

Pre-requisites

- Sociology students: 45 CATS of quantitative methods modules, with marks 2.1 ("Upper

Second") or higher in these modules.

- PAIS students: 30 CATS of POQ coded modules, with marks 2.1 ("Upper Second") or higher in these modules.
- Students need to provide a motivation letter for the placement.

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 3 of UPOA-M162 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods
- Year 4 of UPOA-M167 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Optional for:

- UHIA-VL16 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
 - Year 3 of VL16 History and Sociology (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
 - Year 4 of VL16 History and Sociology (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
- Year 3 of UHIA-VL15 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with a term in Venice)

This module is Option list A for:

- ULAA-ML34 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
 - Year 3 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
 - Year 4 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 5 of ULAA-ML35 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree) (with Intercalated year)
- Year 4 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 3 of UHIA-VL13 Undergraduate History and Sociology
- Year 4 of UHIA-VL14 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with Year Abroad)

This module is Option list D for:

- Year 3 of UHIA-VL13 Undergraduate History and Sociology
- Year 4 of UHIA-VL14 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with Year Abroad)