

# SO372-15 Employer Project for Social Sciences

**24/25**

**Department**

Sociology

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 3

**Module leader**

Ulf Liebe

**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module includes training components (workshops) at the University on writing a tailored CV and cover letter, internal selection application with feedback provided to students, a remote placement with employers offering a structured remote project with weekly meetings, participation in research & teams meetings and the possibility (logistics permitting) to spend a day on-site at the organisation. At the end of the project students are assessed through a reflective essay and a poster on their placement experience and development of their professional skills. This module starts during the Term 2 of Year 2, with workshops on writing CV & Cover Letter, practice on application writing with feedback. Remote placement with the hosting organisation to occurs in Term 1 of Year 3. Weekly support meetings with students to discuss progress of the project and solve any drawbacks will be offered by Teresa Pinheiro.

### Module aims

To offer student opportunities to enhance and refine their skills on writing a tailored CV and cover letter through workshops and internal applications process; gain work experience on relevant sectors through an employer-lead project; acquire key skills on project & time management, team work and working to a brief; develop and reflect on transferable skills, leadership skills, self-

confidence, communications skills, and soft skills. Opportunities to visit the employer organisation during the project will be encouraged and will be agreed upfront.

## **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.

- Gain a range of transferable skills and strengthen students' employability profile (tailoring CV and applications; applying thought skills to the workplace; self-confidence; presentation and communication skills).
- Gain a good understanding on how a professional workplace operates (team work; leadership skills; communications with managers and other employees; general soft skills for the workplace).
- Critically reflect on employability skills acquired through the module and placement experience.

## **Learning outcomes**

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

- Gain a range of transferable skills and strengthen their employability profile (tailoring CV and applications; self-confidence for work readiness)
- Gain a good understanding on how a professional workplace operates (teamwork; leadership skills; communications with managers and other employees; soft skills for the workplace).
- Critically reflect on employability skills acquired through the module and placement experience.

## **Research element**

Placement might include primary research elements.

## **Interdisciplinary**

Placement might include work/insights across disciplines.

## **Subject specific skills**

Remote placement, where students are supervised and work on an employer-led project spread over a Term1 of Year 3, 7 hrs/week over a duration of 10 weeks. Students apply taught knowledge and skills to relevant work sectors enabling career exploration and development of employability skills.

## **Transferable skills**

- Tailoring CV and applications
- Self-confidence for the workplace

- Communication skills with an employer and other employees, incl. social media (blog)
  - Knowledge on how a professional workplace operates
  - Team work & leadership skills
  - Soft skills for the workplace
  - Critically reflect on the experience of a work project with an employer and the skills acquired through the module
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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Seminars	3 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Project supervision	10 sessions of 30 minutes (3%)
Placement	93 hours (62%)
Private study	9 hours (6%)
Assessment	40 hours (27%)
Total	150 hours

### Private study description

Preparation for placement including reading on placement topic

### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

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

### Assessment group A

	Weighting	Study time
Reflective Essay (2500 words)	70%	30 hours
Reflective essay on placement experience and skills gained		
Poster	30%	10 hours
Poster on placement		

## **Feedback on assessment**

Poster: Written feedback will be provided on the poster.

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

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## **Availability**

### **Pre-requisites**

This employer project module is open to all students in Social Sciences that have not met the criterium for QS305 module NOR have secured a place on the new self-sourced summer placement module.

### **Courses**

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

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 D for:

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