

SO373-15 Work Placement

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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

Description

Introductory description

This module includes training components (workshops) at the University, a self-sourced placement with employers on degree-relevant sectors and assessments through a reflective essay and poster presentation on the placement experience and acquired professional skills. This module starts during the Term 2 of Year 2 with a workshop on writing CV & Cover Letter; practice on writing applications with feedback and preparation for the workplace. Students take placements over the summer and enrol on the module in Year 3, with the assessments (reflective essay and poster) during Term 1.

Further Information:

1. This module cannot be taken by students who have completed or have secured offers for a full-year or part-year internships or are intercalated year students.
2. Places in this module are offered to students with a self-sourced summer placement, receiving guidance on their applications.

Module aims

To offer student opportunities to enhance and refine their skills on CV writing and applications process through workshops and seminars; gain work placement experience on relevant sectors; acquire key career skills in the workplace environment, e.g. on project & time management, team

work and working to a brief; develop and reflect on transferable skills, such as tailoring CVs and applications, leadership skills, self-confidence, communications skills, and other soft skills.

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 skills acquired through the module and placement and how this contributes to their career development.

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 in the workplace).
- Critically reflect on their work experience and skills acquired through the placement module.

Subject specific skills

Placements at different organisations. Students apply taught knowledge and skills to relevant work sectors enabling career exploration and development of an employability profile.

Transferable skills

- Tailoring CV and applications
- Self-confidence for the workplace
- Presentation and communication skills with managers and other employees
- Knowledge on how a professional workplace operates
- Team work & leadership skills
- Soft skills for the workplace
- Critically reflect on the work experience gained, and the development of a career path

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Seminars	3 sessions of 1 hour (3%)
Placement	107 hours (97%)
Total	110 hours

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

Category	Description	Funded by	Cost to student
Other	There are no additional costs. The module accommodate students that have sourced and secured placements paid by the providers.	Department	£0.00

Assessment

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

Assessment group A

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Reflective Essay (2500 words)	70%	30 hours	Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			
Assessment component			
Poster	30%	10 hours	Yes (extension)
Poster on Placement			

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Poster: Written feedback will be provided on the poster.

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

Availability

Pre-requisites

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Optional for:

- Year 3 of USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
- Year 4 of USOA-L306 BA in Sociology (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of USOA-L314 Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology
- Year 4 of USOA-L315 Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology (with Intercalated Year)

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 B for:

- Year 4 of ULAA-ML35 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree) (with Intercalated year)
- Year 3 of ULAA-M135 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Option list D for:

- Year 3 of UHIA-VL13 Undergraduate History and Sociology
- Year 4 of UHIA-VL17 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 4 of UHIA-VL14 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with Year Abroad)
- Year 3 of UHIA-VL15 Undergraduate History and Sociology (with a term in Venice)