

COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM

Department/School	School of Law		
With effect from Academic Session	Autumn 2013	Availability (Please state which teaching terms)	Autumn 2015
Course Title (max 70 characters) <i>Please also give short title where applicable (30 characters max)</i>	Research Methods for Social Scientists	Course Unit Credit Value	Half unit
Course Code	CR 2011	Course JACS Code(s)	L310
Academic level	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 6
	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 7 (Master's level)	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 (Sub-HE)	
Programme(s) for which the course is chiefly intended.			
Programme	Course status (i.e.: Core, Core PR, Compulsory, Optional)	Co-requisites	Pre-requisites
B.Sc. Criminology and Sociology	Core	Data analysis (term 2)	none
B.Sc. Criminology and Psychology	Core	Data analysis (term 2)	none
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UG programmes only: If a course unit is optional, please indicate, where applicable, what group/basket of options this course unit belongs to.			
Learning Outcomes	<i>(Describe no more than 6 outcomes that students should be expected to achieve by the end of the course)</i>		
	By the end of the course students should be able to:		
	1. (max 50 words) 1. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of a range of data collection techniques of use to social scientists.		
	2. (max 50 words) 2. Understand the wider philosophical and ethical debates in social research.		
	3. (max 50 words) 3. Comprehend the different types of research methods available for use and develop a basic understanding in their administration and analysis.		
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Course Summary	<i>Please outline the course aims and content, max 300 words</i>		
	1. Introduction/Philosophical Issues in Social Research		
	2. Ethics in social research and theory		
	3. Quantitative versus qualitative		
	4. Sampling		
	5. Literature reviews, meta-analysis and systematic reviews		

	6. Ethnographic and observational studies 7. Interpretive phenomenological analysis 8. Interviewing 9. Content and thematic analysis 10. Putting it all together--academic report writing.				
Teaching & Learning Methods	The total number of notional learning hours associated with this course are __150__				
	These hours will normally be divided between the following activities:				
	Type of Activity	Check the boxes where applicable	Hours per week *	Number of weeks *	Total Hours
	Lectures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	10	10
	Seminars	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	10	10
	Tutorials	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Project Supervision	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Laboratory classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Practical Classes and Workshops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	1 session
	Supervised time in Studio/Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Field trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	External Visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Work Based Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Placement	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Study Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
	Individual Supervisory	<input type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	type here
Guided Independent Study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	type here	type here	129	
Other (please include detail)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Completion of the Total Hours column is compulsory. <i>* Completing these fields is optional, but is useful for planning and reporting purposes.</i>					

<p>Reading list materials</p>	<p><u>Books and other reading list materials to be purchased by students (where applicable):</u></p> <p><i>Please list</i></p> <p>Bryman, A. (2012). Social research methods. Oxford university press.</p> <p>Robson, C. (2011). Real world research: a resource for users of social research methods in applied settings. Chichester: Wiley.</p> <p><u>Core/essential reading list material (print, electronic, etc.) for the course (6-10 titles only):</u></p> <p><i>Please list</i></p> <p>Boynton, P. (2005) The Research Companion. London: Taylor and Francis.</p> <p>De Vaus, D. (2001) Research Design in Social Research. London: Sage.</p> <p>Jupp, V. et al. (2000) Doing Criminological Research. London: Sage.</p> <p>May, T. (2011). Social Research: Issues, Methods and Research. McGraw-Hill International.</p> <p>Seale, C. (2003) Social Research Methods: A Reader. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Walliman, N. (2006) Social Research Methods. London: Sage.</p> <p>This is predominantly a practical course thus reading will be provided to students as new research becomes available in the form of journal articles</p>																	
<p>Formative Assessment <i>(assessment which does not contribute to the marks awarded for the course unit) & Feedback on this assessment:</i></p>	<p>On what activities (e.g. coursework, seminars etc) will students receive feedback? What will the main modes of feedback be for each activity?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="400 1576 1481 1906"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="400 1576 1027 1626">Activity</th> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="1032 1576 1481 1626">Mode of feedback</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1632 1027 1718">Draft of portfolio</td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1032 1632 1481 1718">one to one with students during additional office hours half way through the semester</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1724 1027 1778">click here and type</td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1032 1724 1481 1778">click here and type</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1785 1027 1839">click here and type</td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1032 1785 1481 1839">click here and type</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 1845 1027 1899">click here and type</td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1032 1845 1481 1899">click here and type</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	Mode of feedback		Draft of portfolio	one to one with students during additional office hours half way through the semester		click here and type	click here and type		click here and type	click here and type		click here and type	click here and type	
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<p>Summative Assessment</p>	<p>Method</p>	<p>%</p>	<p>Typical KIS sub-categories <i>(See Guidance notes)</i></p>															
	<p>Coursework</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>e.g., Essay, Report, Dissertation, Portfolio, Project</p>															

(assessment which contributes to the final marks awarded for the course unit)			Output, Set Exercise Portfolio combining the various methodological tools taught. To incorporate ethics, research design, interviewing, IPA and content analysis		
	Practical Exam(s)	type here	e.g., Oral Assessment, Presentation, Practical Skills Assessment, Set Exercise click here and type		
	Written Exam(s)	type here	e.g., Written Exam, Set Exercise click here and type		
	Please list all assessments, indicating length (i.e. word count), hours, KIS sub-category, etc. Please also indicate whether the assessment is completed individually or as a group.				
	Method of Assessment (coursework, practical or written exam)	%	Detail (length, hours, group/ individual)	KIS Sub-Category	
	Coursework	100	3000 word research portfolio to be completed independantly and in which students will work on throughout the term	Porfolio	
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Date proposal considered by PAP: 19/09/13 Signature of Chair: D Chong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course approved <input type="checkbox"/> Course not approved
Comments: click here and type	

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