

Social Sciences modules

SS5101 Being a Social Scientist				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	3.00 - 5.00 pm Fri			
Through a series of interactive seminars this two-part module explores the fundamental skills required by all social scientists. In part one, the module will focus on how to design and produce a research dissertation. Assessment will be in the form of a critical essay that analyses the research design of a selection of papers. In part two, issues of professional development (e.g. ethics, careers, grant writing) will be addressed. Assessment will be in the form of a class test in which you will review and comment on two research proposals.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Class Test = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M G Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr M Kesby			

SS5102 Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Wed			
This seminar-based module will introduce you to the basic theoretical approaches in the social sciences, encourage you to make connections between the methodological and epistemological issues involved in conducting social scientific research, and inspire you to reflect critically on your own experience. The module will cover modern philosophy's historical evolution, positivism, feminism, critical theory and post-structuralism among other topics. Assessment will involve one short review and one longer essay.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Class Test = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M G Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Prof Nick Rengger			

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SS5103 Qualitative Methods in Social Research				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	10.00 am - 12.00 noon Tue			
This seminar-based module offers both a theoretical and practical introduction to the collection, analysis and writing of qualitative social science research. Among other things, the module will cover positionality/ethics, archives, participant observation, participatory approaches, semi-structured interviewing and the use of NVIVO/computer aided qualitative data analysis. Assessment will involve a short reflection on field experience and a longer critical essay on a chosen aspect of qualitative research.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Class Test = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M G Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr M Kesby			

SS5104 Quantitative Research in Social Science				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	1.00 - 5.00 pm Mon			
This module provides a user-friendly introduction to the fundamental concepts of quantitative analysis. It will cover underlying principles, terminology, research design, sampling strategies, uncertainty and missing data, computerised data management and univariate and multivariate approaches to data analysis. The assessment will be in the form of practical tasks completed in class and/or independently.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3-hour combined lecture and practical session.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	2-hour Written Class Test = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M G Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr J Ales			