

| Module Details | |
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| Module Title | Research Methods for Social Workers |
| Module Code | SOW7001-B |
| Academic Year | 2024/5 |
| Credits | 20 |
| School | School of Social Sciences |
| FHEQ Level | FHEQ Level 7 |

| Contact Hours | |
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| Type | Hours |
| Tutorials | 6 |
| Lectures | 30 |
| Directed Study | 164 |

| Availability | |
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| Occurrence | Location / Period |
| BDA | University of Bradford / Semester 1 |

| Module Aims |
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| To equip you with the knowledge and methodological skills required to plan a Social Work practice-based research project. |

| Outline Syllabus |
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| Understanding the relationship between Social Work research, policy and practice; Developing literature searching and reviewing skills; Designing a research project and developing research questions; An introduction to qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods designs with research illustrations; Data collection methods and data analysis techniques; Research ethics; Informed consent and engagement of participants; Research with vulnerable populations; Considering issues of diversity; Guidance for developing research project assignments. |

| Learning Outcomes | |
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| Outcome Number | Description |
| 01 | Demonstrate your ability to critically review literature. |
| 02 | Demonstrate your ability to select a project, determine the most suitable methods and consider the ethical issues. |
| 03 | Demonstrate your ability to communicate the purpose of the study and what will be involved to participants to ensure informed consent. |
| 04 | Demonstrate awareness of ontological, epistemological, methodological and theoretical issues underpinning research. |
| 05 | Demonstrate awareness of qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods designs and their strengths and limitations. |

| Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy |
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| <p>Lectures and seminars. You will be given directed reading and supported to explore case studies to develop a greater awareness of evidence-based practice and research methods relevant to social work practice. Written and group tasks / assignments will be used to assess the wider learning outcomes of the module (see MASW programme handbook). A flipped learning style approach will be adopted for much of the module, where you will be given prior reading and research, which we will subsequently explore as group.</p> <p>The module requires students to develop a research question and write a brief literature review, and then to use this as the basis for a more detailed research proposal.</p> |

| Mode of Assessment | | | |
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| Type | Method | Description | Weighting |
| Summative | Coursework - Written | A 3,000 word assignment - designing a research project proposal relevant to Social Work professional practice. | 100% |

| Reading List |
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| To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html |

Please note:

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