C69RQ Research Preparation in English (2)

**COURSE DETAILS**

**Course Code:** C69RQ  
**Full Course Title:** Research Preparation in English (2)  
**SCQF Level:** 9  
**SCAF Credits:** 15  
**Available as Elective:** No

**DELIVERY LEVEL**

| Undergraduate: | Yes | Postgraduate Taught: | Yes | Postgraduate Research: | No |

**COURSE AIMS**

- To enable students to construct themselves as researchers in preparation for joining their research community.
- To enable students to adopt a critical perspective as writers of academic texts
- To enable students to justify the use of a specific methodology
- To enable students to practise project management and communication skills to complete a research project and deliver a report

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – SUBJECT MASTERY**

Students will gain knowledge of:

- the purpose structure and style of a range of research genres such as annotated bibliographies, critical reviews, proposals & posters
- how a research community builds and communicates knowledge

Students will gain skills in the following:

- Identifying research topics the community views as relevant & important
- Accessing relevant sources & information.
- Critically evaluating published and unpublished literature
- Relating operational definitions to data collection and analysis
- Putting forward an argument in a literature review, research report, poster or presentation
- Designing and carrying out a small scale pilot study

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – PERSONAL ABILITIES**

The student will be able to:
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- Transfer skills and techniques associated with academic research to professional and workplace contexts

The student will be able to:

- Exercise autonomy and initiative in time management and project management related to the research process
- Take responsibility for their own work progress & record keeping
- Seek guidance where appropriate

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate and use published sources as evidence to support knowledge claims
- Evaluate and use research results as evidence to support knowledge claims

SYLLABUS

The syllabus will include but is not limited to the following topics relevant to the subject:

Ethics of research

- Understanding the ethical impact of research on the rights of other researchers, research subjects and others affected by the research

Assessing the reliability of research findings

- Evaluating research evidence (findings) on the basis of the data collection methods that produced it
- Integrating non-verbal material such as figures and diagrams into a developing argument in a research report

Establishing a theoretical context for research
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- Writing a critical review of related sources
- Structuring a literature review which puts forward an argument for doing research and for using a particular methodology and data collection technique

Carrying out the research

- Defending research outcomes in a poster or in a viva
- Analysing and writing up a focused case study

Reflexivity

- Reflecting on learning outcomes
- Understanding the impact of the researcher on the research process

COURSE RELATIONSHIPS

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