

ECP77233 — Research Methods for Economic Policy Analysis

Module Information	
Module Code	ECP77233
Module Title	Research Methods for Economic Policy Analysis
Department	Economics
Year Group	2
Module Personnel	Dr. Weizheng Lai
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	10
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	20

Module Content	
Module Description	This module introduces students to the principal theoretical perspectives involved in research design, fieldwork, data analysis and the ethical considerations in research.
Module Learning Aims	Students will receive training in referencing, academic writing, proposal writing and the presentation of their work. Students will learn the skills of critical reading and review. Students are expected to formulate their dissertation research topic within this module, develop a research schedule and select appropriate methods for their dissertation.
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module, students should be able to: 1. Critically evaluate research in economics across a broad range of fields. 2. Compare different research techniques and approaches. 3. Critique papers in economics and apply this to their dissertation. 4. Clearly communicate their ideas and present them effectively.

Module Content	
	5. Plan a comprehensive dissertation that connects closely with the MSc course.
Indicative Reading / Resources	

Assessment	
Assessment Components	50% research proposal and 50% presentation
Assessment Details	

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	