



Research Methods for Economic Policy Analysis | ECP77233

Year	2
ECTS Credits	10
Contact Hours	24 hours
Pre-Requisite	Nil
Semester	1
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Module Outline:

This module introduces students to the principal theoretical perspectives involved in research design, fieldwork, data analysis and the ethical considerations in research. Students will also 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.

Module Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- MLO8.1 Critically evaluate research in economics across a broad range of fields
- MLO8.2 Compare different research techniques and approaches
- MLO8.3 Critique papers in economics and apply this to their dissertation
- MLO8.4 Clearly communicate their ideas and present them effectively
- MLO8.5 Plan a comprehensive dissertation which will connect closely with the MSc course

Assessment:

Continuous assessment [100%]: This will involve a practical application of material studied during the module and the presentation of research proposals for dissertations.

- Writing Assignment: 30%
- Written Reports: 40%
- Presentation: 30%

Recommended Reading List:

Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams (2016) *The Craft of Research*, 4th Edition, University of Chicago Press