

## Module Details for QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

### Historic Record

<b>Module Code</b>	PSU34330
<b>Module Name</b>	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
<b>Module Short Title</b>	None
<b>ECTS weighting</b>	5
<b>Semester/term taught</b>	Michelmas Term
<b>Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload</b>	One semester: 11 lectures; 114 hours independent study
<b>Module Coordinator/Owner</b>	Lecturer and Module Coordinator: Dr. Jean Quigley
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p><b>On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• discuss the theory and practice of qualitative research</li><li>• locate qualitative research in a philosophical framework</li><li>• explain when and why qualitative research is used in psychology</li><li>• carry out qualitative research in psychology</li><li>• critically evaluate techniques and procedures for gathering and analysing data</li><li>• explain and evaluate distinct approaches to qualitative research</li></ul>
<b>Module Learning Aims</b>	<p>This course is designed to help students appreciate the philosophical foundations for conducting qualitative research and to understand why and how qualitative research is carried out in psychology. A sample of current qualitative methodologies and examples of how qualitative methods may be applied in psychological settings are provided. The student is introduced to the processes involved in making sense of qualitative data and how qualitative data can and should be analysed and</p>

evaluated. Designing qualitative research reports is also covered.

**Module Content**

- Introduction: Theory and method in qualitative research
- Qualitative research in psychology
- Approaches to data collection
- Interviewing in qualitative research
- Data analysis
- Quality: Evaluating qualitative research
- Discourse analysis
- Grounded theory
- Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis

Reporting on qualitative research and Reflexivity

**Recommended Reading List**

General texts:

Braun, V. & Clarke, V. (2013) *Successful Qualitative Research*. Sage

Willig, C. (2013) (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) *Introducing Qualitative Research in Psychology*. Sage.

Willig, C. (2012) *Qualitative Interpretation and Analysis in Psychology*. Sage.

As this is an advanced sophister research-led taught module, state-of-the-art and up-to-date journal articles from the relevant research literature will be made available throughout the module.

**Module Pre-requisite**

Cognate foundation modules (e.g., research methodology & design, theory in psychology)

**Assessment**

TBC

**Module Website**

**Module approval date**

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Year**

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