

SOP77300/SOC40920 — Dissertation

Module Information	
Module Code	SOP77300/SOC40920
Module Title	Dissertation
Department	Sociology
Year Group	MSc in Comparative Social Change
Module Personnel	Professor Daniel Faas (TCD) and Dr Gerard Boucher (UCD)
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	30
Semester	Both
Contact Hours	1 lecture per week

Module Content	
Module Description	The aim of this module is to complete a research project and present the outcomes in the form of a research dissertation. In conjunction with the research supervisors, students will complete a substantial body of research and present their findings in the form of a dissertation. The research skills demonstrated by the student will be considered in relation to the formulation, logic and coherence of the research question, appropriateness of the research methodology selected, theoretical understanding of the research area. As part of the Research Methods module, students will have completed a detailed research proposal. Through this proposal students will have formulated an appropriate and feasible research question with the support of their supervisor. Execution of the research activity will be conducted by students in association with their supervisors, who will be staff members of both universities.
Module Learning Aims	
Learning Outcomes	• Devise, develop and complete a substantial, intellectually challenging research project related to their field of study;

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	• Selectively apply concepts, theories, methods and subject-specific terminology used in the field of study with rigor and discrimination; • Relate the specific research topic appropriately to wider social change issues, debates or concerns; • Present a coherent argument that draws on an engagement with and critical appraisal of existing knowledge relevant to the research project
Indicative Reading / Resources	Best, S. (2012) Understanding and Doing Successful Research: data collection and analysis for the social sciences, Pearson.

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Dissertation: 20,000 words max.
Assessment Details	Deadline: 21 st August 2027

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	