

SOU33012 — Researching Society 2

Module Information	
Module Code	SOU33012
Module Title	Researching Society 2
Department	Sociology
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr Mark Ward
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	1 lecture + 1 lab a week

Module Content	
Module Description	The module Researching Society 2 provides students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to pursue a wide range of social research. It serves both as a free-standing module and as preparation for students to conduct original research and complete a research dissertation in their Senior Sophister year.
Module Learning Aims	This module continues on from the Introduction to Social Research in second year, which covered survey design, sampling, data collection techniques and basic descriptive analysis methods. This term gives further instruction in inferential statistics for social scientists (lectures), and analysis of real empirical data (labs) using a popular statistical software package (Stata).
Learning Outcomes	• Understand the core quantitative statistical methods used in published sociological research. • Distinguish between different types of popular statistical techniques used in quantitative research. • Construct and test hypotheses derived from social science theories using social survey data and statistical software (Stata).
Indicative Reading / Resources	Core Textbooks:

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- Agresti. A. (2018). *Statistical methods for the social sciences* (5th Edition). Pearson.
- Accock, Alan C. (2018). *A Gentle Introduction to Stata* (6th Edition). Stata Press.

Assessment

Assessment Components

- Assignment 1 (40%)
- Assignment 2 (60%)

Assessment Details

Both assignments involve analysing a dataset using Stata 17 to answer specific research questions, interpreting the estimates, presenting the results using tables and graphs and summarising the findings.

Additional Information

Prerequisites

SOU22011
SOU22012

Co-requisites

SOU33011

Any other information