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Research methodology 751 (SOC 751)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 20.00

NQF Level 08

Programmes [BSocSciHons Gender Studies](#)

[BSocSciHons Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

[BSocSciHons Sociology](#)

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

The module focuses on debates about, as well as the practice of, research. The idea of science, the role of theoretical conceptualisations, and the epistemological assumptions underpinning research are introduced with reference to competing paradigms, including positivism, interpretivism and realism. With regard to research practice, general principles of planning such as identifying a topic, delineating a problem area, selecting sites, sampling participants and addressing ethical questions are considered. Thereafter the use of methods through which data can be collected and/or constructed are introduced and ways in which evidence can be interpreted and analysed are discussed.

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