

Faculty	Arts and Humanities		
Home Department	Sociology		
Module Topic	Research Methods		
Generic Module Name	Sociology		
Alpha-numeric Code	SOC322		
NQF Level	7		
NQF Credit Value	10		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered	Second Semester		
Programmes in which the module will be offered	BA (2101), BA Extended Programme (2612), BTh (2013), BLIS (2201)		
Year level	3		
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will understand the philosophical foundation of sociological research. • Students will be able to uncover the different paradigms in social science research. • Students will become familiar with the different methods of social science research. • Students will be able to choose the appropriate method(s) for a given social research. • Students will be able to undertake research singly or in groups. • Students will become familiar with ethical issues in social science research 		
Main Content	<p>Philosophical underpinnings of social science research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontology and epistemology, and their contested nature • Logical and Social Research • Positivism, (Critical) Realism, Interpretivism, Fuzzy Logic, etc • Methods of social Research: Qualitative, Quantitative & Mixed Method • Ethics in Social Sciences research 		
Pre-requisite modules	None		
Co-requisite modules	None		
Prohibited module Combination	None		
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week	Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
<i>Contact with lecturer / tutor:</i>	42	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	2
<i>Assignments & tasks:</i>	30	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0
<i>Practicals:</i>	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	1
<i>Assessments:</i>	3		
<i>Selfstudy:</i>	25		
<i>Other:</i>	0		
Total Learning Time	100		
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 60% Final Assessment (FA): 40%		
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)		