

Faculty	Arts and Humanities		
Home Department	Sociology		
Module Topic	Advanced Methods and Philosophy of Social Science		
Generic Module Name	Sociology 834		
Alpha-numeric Code	SOC834		
NQF Level	9		
NQF Credit Value	30		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered	First Semester		
Programmes in which the module will be offered	MA (2801)		
Year Level			
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a critical understanding, at an advanced level, of the philosophy of the social sciences and sociological research methods. • Develop their skills in connecting a range of reading material with the aim of developing own arguments and presenting them in oral and written form. • Examine current philosophical issues in social research, with special focus on the field of Sociology. • Demonstrate strong understanding of the philosophical issues in social science research and their specific relations to their field of Sociology. 		
Main Content	<p>The course focuses on</p> <p>Term 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The philosophical foundations of the social sciences, at an advanced level • Methodological issues in sociological research <p>Term 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research techniques in the field of Sociology • Analysis of qualitative field data • Analysis of quantitative data • Interpretation of field data 		
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
Contact with lecturer / tutor:	28	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	0
Assignments & tasks:	62	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0
Assessments:	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	0
Practicals:	0		
Self-study:	110		
Other:	0		
Total Learning Time	200		
Method of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 60% Final Assessment (FA): 40%		
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)		