

Faculty	Economic and Management Sciences		
Home Department	Institute for Social Development		
Module Topic	Research Methodology for Development Studies		
Generic Module Name	Research Methodology 749		
Alpha -numeric Code	DVS749		
NQF Level	8		
NQF Credit Value	20		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered	First Semester		
Programmes in which module will be offered	BA Honours Development Studies (1705), Bachelor of Development Studies Honours (1707)		
Year Level	7		
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply this knowledge by drafting a research proposal using techniques appropriate to their research question. • Describe, define, contrast and explain the theory and principles of social science research methods • Demonstrate the expertise in research design of the empirical research using some of the main data collection and analysis techniques. • Describe, define, contrast and explain methods of enquiry in development studies. • Demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate scientific literature, synthesise knowledge and make a logical argument. • Apply this knowledge by providing academic writing and oral skills, including the ability to engage with and respond appropriately to the presentation of team work. 		
Main Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to literature and referencing procedures • The planning of a research proposal • The philosophy of science • The scientific research process • The different types of research • Research design and problem formulation • Quantitative research design (surveys, sampling, questionnaire construction) • Qualitative studies • The ethics and politics of social research 		
Pre-requisite modules	None		
Co-requisite modules	DVS 721, DVS 722		
Prohibited module Combinations	None		
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week	Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
Contact with lecturer / tutor:	70	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	4
Assignments & tasks:	25	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0
Practical's:	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	1
Assessments:	15		
Self-study:	90		
Other: Please specify			
Total Learning Time	150		
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 50% Final Assessment (FA): 50%		

Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)
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