

Module Details	
Module Title	Proposals for Research and Employability
Module Code	SAC5025-B
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	20
School	School of Social Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Practical Classes or Workshops	4
Seminars	6
Directed Study	174
Lectures	16

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To support students' ability to develop a coherent, flexible, creative and academically grounded proposal for their dissertation.</li> <li>- To provide students with the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills and apply them to social problems and issues.</li> <li>- To acquire the knowledge/information needed to prepare for the world of work by planning for a final year work placement and in preparation for seeking employment upon graduation.</li> <li>- To strengthen students' ability to use a strength-based approach and to work flexibly and independently in developing skills and resources.</li> <li>- To support student presentation of well written, structured, appropriate, analytical and creative work, appropriate to both the dissertation proposal and the employability context.</li> </ul>

Outline Syllabus
Research contexts and methodologies; choosing topics and workplaces: finding and reviewing literature reviews; qualitative and quantitative data collection; ethics, academic research and the workplace; library resources; workplace opportunities and challenges including approaches to equality and diversity; time management; applying workplace experiences to academic contexts; understanding organizations; professional approaches.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Critically evaluate academic research materials in developing a dissertation topic.
02	Identify the necessary skills, attributes and knowledge required in order to produce a dissertation.
03	Conduct and produce a literature review.
04	Demonstrate preparedness for work through identifying, evaluating and reflecting upon necessary skills, attributes and knowledge.
05	Identify clear outcomes for your engagement at work-based learning; what you want to achieve, how, where, when and with whom.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>Lectures will provide knowledge and discussion of key issues relating to both research and employment. Seminars will develop employment or research-related knowledge depending partly on the chosen destination of students in their final year; work placement or academic modules. Library workshops will enhance practical learning skills. Workshops will offer opportunity for student exploration and feedback of specific challenges.</p> <p>Alongside this, students will undertake guided study as a means of deepening understanding of the topics within the contact sessions and gradually developing expertise in relation to specific elements of the assessment, such as CV-writing and explaining a methodological approach to undergraduate research.</p> <p>The assessments demonstrate student knowledge related to producing a specific research topic and evaluate knowledge, skills and attributes relevant to workplace contexts. The portfolio must include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding and compliance with regulations for entering work: Currently, focused on Disclosure and Barring policy and practice.</li> <li>- The context of formal and informal risk assessment in the workplace, including evidence of understanding of safeguarding.</li> <li>- Evidence of awareness of equality and diversity law and/or practice.</li> </ul>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Portfolio/e-portfolio	Work-related portfolio of skills-related self-analysis covering specified areas at minimum (up to 2000 words total).	50%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Dissertation proposal (up to 2000 words)	50%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit <a href="https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html">https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</a>

*Please note:*

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