

SS5101 Being a Social Scientist				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	3.00 - 5.00 pm Fri			
<p>Through a series of interactive seminars this two-part module explores the fundamental skills required by all social scientists. In part one, the module will focus on how to design and produce a research dissertation. Assessment will be in the form of a critical essay that analyses the research design of a selection of papers. In part two, issues of professional development (e.g. ethics, careers, grant writing) will be addressed. Assessment will be in the form of a class test in which you will review and comment on two research proposals.</p>				
Programme module type:	<p>Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development. Compulsory for various MRes Programmes outwith the School. Optional for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc), for Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc), for Sustainable Development (MSc), for Sustainable Development and Energy (MSc). Optional for various other MRes Programmes</p>			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			

SS5102 Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Wed			
<p>This seminar-based module will introduce you to the basic theoretical approaches in the social sciences, encourage you to make connections between the methodological and epistemological issues involved in conducting social scientific research, and inspire you to reflect critically your own experience. The module will cover modern philosophy's historical evolution, positivism, feminism, critical theory and post-structuralism among other topics. Assessment will involve a one short review and one longer essay.</p>				
Programme module type:	<p>Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development, for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc) and various other MRes Programmes Optional for Sustainable Development (MRes), Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc) Optional for various other MRes Programmes</p>			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	TBC (Colleagues from International Relations)			

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SS5103 Qualitative Methods in Social Research				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	10.00 am - 12.00 noon Tue			
<p>This seminar-based module offers both a theoretical and practical introduction to the collection, analysis and writing of qualitative social science research. Among other things, the module will cover positionality/ethics, archives, participant observation, participatory approaches, semi-structured interviewing and the use of NVIVO/computer aided qualitative data analysis. Assessment will involve a short reflection on field experience and a longer critical essay on a chosen aspect of qualitative research.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development Compulsory for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc) Compulsory for various other MRes Programmes Optional for Sustainable Development (MSc), Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc) Optional for various other MRes Programmes			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr M Kesey and Dr D Williams			

SS5104 Quantitative Research in Social Science				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	1.00 - 5.00 pm Mon			
<p>This module provides a user-friendly introduction to the fundamental concepts of quantitative analysis. It will cover underlying principles, terminology, research design, sampling strategies, uncertainty and missing data, computerised data management and univariate and multivariate approaches to data analysis. The assessment will be in the form of practical tasks completed in class and/or independently.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development Compulsory for MSc Psychology (Conversion). Compulsory for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc) Compulsory for various other MRes Programmes. Optional for Sustainable Development (MSc), Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc) Optional for various other MRes Programmes			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 3-hour combined lecture and practical session.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr J Ales			