Aims and Objectives

This module will provide guidance for MA students on essential aspects of academic research. In the process, students will develop a range of transferable skills, including: choosing, designing and organising a research project; identifying relevant primary and secondary sources; and writing skills. Students will also be given guidance on how to use their academic training to prepare for non-academic careers.

By the end of this course, it is expected that students will:
• Be familiar with professional standards of scholarly presentation
• Understand distinctions between original and derivative writing
• Understand the essential elements and structure of a piece of academic research

Contents

The course consists of a series of lectures on key aspects of conducting a research project, as well as other transferable skills. The topics covered include: how to decide on a research question, how to structure a piece of research, how to get the most from the library, academic writing skills, career planning, interview skills, research ethics.