

## **PO5081 - Academic and Transferable Skills**

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### **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.