

The rationale for this module, which is compulsory for students on MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice and for MA in Human Rights and International Relations, is that, to fully understand the nature and quality of human rights and/or criminology, students must have a clear and detailed understanding of the epistemological, methodological and ethical issues that shape the design and conduct of empirical research. Therefore, the purpose of this module is to provide students with a step-by-step theoretical and practical grounding in social research methods. The module covers key aspects of the research process, including research design, data collection, data analysis and write-up and aims to prepare students for the dissertation module and to become independent researchers of their own. This module will consider criminological and human rights research in a global context, and will encourage students to consider the theoretical and practical aspects of conducting such research.