

Faculty	Faculty of Arts			
Home Department	Library and Information Science			
Module Topic	Research Methods and Information Behaviour			
Generic Module Name	Library & Information Studies 715			
Alpha-numeric Code	LBS715			
NQF Level	8			
NQF Credit Value	30			
Duration	Year			
Proposed semester to be offered. (For Calendar Groups)	Both Semesters			
Programmes in which the module will be offered	Postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies (2829)			
Year level	1			
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module, a student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the concept of research • Critically explain the concepts and key theories of information behaviour, information seeking behaviour, and related areas • Apply the principles of scientific and ethical research • Discern between quantitative and qualitative approaches • Plan and conduct an empirical investigation, applying rigorous research methodology from writing the proposal to producing the final research report 			
Main Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information behaviour as a key research area in Library and Information Science • Debates in Library and Information Science research • Research paradigms in the field of Library and Information Science • Research design skills for a minor research project • Ethical issues in research • Data gathering methodologies: surveys, interviews • Data analysis methods • Research project 			
Pre-requisite modules	None			
Co-requisite modules	None			
Prohibited module Combination	None			
A. Breakdown of Learning Time (example)	Hours	B. Time-table Requirement per week		Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
<i>Contact with lecturer / tutor:</i>	56	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	2	
<i>Assignments & tasks:</i>	65	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0	
<i>Practicals:</i>		<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	1	
<i>Assessments</i>	3			
<i>Self-study</i>	76			
<i>Other: supervision support</i>	100			
Total Learning Time	300			
Method of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 60% Final Assessment (FA): 40%			
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)			