

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	Student Initiated Module		
MODULE CODE	BC2007 (L5)	CREDIT VALUE	20 CREDITS/ 10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT		

MODULE AIMS

To allow students to undertake specific projects which are not covered elsewhere. The specific aim(s) will be individually agreed between the student and the module tutor.

MODULE CONTENT

This will be individually agreed between the student and the module tutor.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Apply and critically evaluate key concepts and theories within and outside the context in which they were first studied
2. Select appropriately from and deploy a range of subject specific cognitive and transferable skills and problem-solving strategies to well-defined problems in the field of study and in the generation of ideas.
3. Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems and communicate the outcomes clearly using structured arguments.

TEACHING METHODS

This module will be student directed and researched to reflect the agreed module aims and objectives.

1. Before commencement of the project students will be required to:
 - a) Seek an interview with the Course or Subject leader to indicate that they wish to undertake a SIM;
 - b) Provide an outline of their SIM covering the following:
 - i) the objectives of the SIM;
 - ii) the anticipated learning outcomes;
 - iii) the content, structure, scope, approach to study and time scales within the SIM;
 - iv) indicative reading as background;
2. The Course/Subject Leader will sign the student onto the SIM if the outline is acceptable;
3. The Course/Subject Leader will assign a tutor to supervise the SIM;
4. The student must seek regular meetings with the SIM tutor assigned to ensure that progress is maintained;
5. The student must submit work by the deadlines set;
6. Work submitted will be marked as normal according to School procedures

There are no formal classes for this module. Students will meet with their assigned SIM tutor in one-to-one meetings to progress the project. Normally 3 such meetings will take place across the semester and 5 meetings across the year. SIMs typically help to develop graduate attributes such as communication, intellectual ability, confidence, planning and organisational skills, literacy, analysis and decision-making skills and, on occasion, numeracy.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an essay or report (100%).