

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

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| MODULE TITLE | Employability and Professional Development | | |
| MODULE CODE | MK2025 (L5) | CREDIT VALUE | 20 credits / 10 ECTS |
| SCHOOL | SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT | | |
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MODULE AIMS

This module is designed to enable students to conduct critical self-analysis and reflection and develop a range of employability skills. It will provide opportunities for students to develop key employability skills that meet the changing skill requirements of knowledge-based organisations. It will develop students' knowledge and self-awareness of specific graduate employment opportunities. It also aims to enhance subject specific and transferable skills that enhance graduate employment opportunities and to incorporate this skills development within personal development planning (PDP). It is also suitable for placement preparation.

MODULE CONTENT

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Students will be introduced to a range concepts and practices that will develop their employability skills. These will include practical skills as well as critical thinking, reflection, creativity, cognition and evaluation. This module will be very closely linked to PDP development and give students material to put towards this including CV writing, interview techniques and employability related topics. It will develop skills in research, communication, presentation, taking initiative and working in teams. It will also develop reflective learning and action planning. The module will also cover health and safety requirements for going out on placement.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Develop subject specific and transferable skills to enhance graduate employment opportunities and to incorporate this development within personal development planning (PDP).
2. Analyse, evaluate and reflect on their own performance and learning experiences including the achievement of their objectives.
3. Demonstrate self-awareness of how they relate to others in a work setting e.g. team role, decision making style including reflecting on what motivates them.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of skills and abilities that employers look for and to use this understanding to develop individual action plans.

TEACHING METHODS

This module will utilise a range of learning strategies. These will include lecturer and student managed workshops, self-directed study and directed reading time. The lecturer managed sessions will involve formal teaching in workshops, guest speaker presentations and one to one PDP sessions. The module will make use of on line lectures to support the workshops.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an Individual Academic Report, Learning Action plan, CV and Covering Letter (80%) and a Group Presentation (20%).

