**Module Code:** AA-4302  
**Module Title:** Research Methods Seminar I  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Type of Module:** Option / Breadth  
**Modular Credits:** 4  
**Student Workload:**  
- 8 – 10 hours per week  
- 3 - 4 hours per week  
**Prerequisite:** None  
**Anti-requisite:** None  

**Aims:**  
This module aims to introduce and expose students to the experience of conducting social research. The emphasis will be on the practical steps of the research process and on the techniques of research although epistemological and methodological issues will also be covered. The overall aim is to guide students in the selection of a suitable research topic and in designing a practicable research project.

**Module Content:**
- epistemological issues: positivist and interpretive approaches  
- methodological issues: quantitative and qualitative approaches  
- ethical issues: responsibilities towards subjects and the profession  
- selecting and defining a research problem, searching the literature  
- planning research and developing a proposal  
- participant observation and interview techniques  
- fieldnotes and data recording

**Assessment:**

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