

DL106 – Level 9 Certificate [10 credits]

Critical Research

(Foundation, Futures + Skills)

Explore research methods in the context of real research studies. The course emphasises questions, discussion and debate around the content.



What is it?

Traditionally, research approaches could be categorised in ways such as science, humanities or art practice-based research. Increasingly, inter- and multi-disciplinary movements are calling for more collaboration between these areas, while preserving an empirical (evidence-based) approach.

What will I do?

The Certificate provides an overview of the empirical research process, theories and methods so as to provide students with the insight, language and skills required to carry out empirical research in a range of disciplines. Throughout the course the research methods are discussed in the context of real research studies. The course emphasises questions, discussion and debate around the content.

What topics will I study?

The content may vary from year to year and at times the work can be driven by a student's own interest. The research process | What makes good research | Research paradigms | The role of the internet in supporting research | Research ethics | Hypothesis generation + testing | Research design | Surveys + online questionnaires | Ethnographic research | Experimental designs | Observation studies | Tests + scales | Mixed-method approaches | Analysis + interpretation (qualitative + quantitative) | Proposal writing | Publishing research | Communication of results | Critical thinking skills.

How will I be assessed?

The Certificate is awarded based on the successful completion of two written pieces of continuous assessment work, submitted during Term 1 and at the end of Term 2.

Who can apply?

This course is suitable for students who have an Undergraduate qualification of 2nd Class Honours or higher at Honours Degree level. Applicants without a Level 8 qualification may be considered based on their prior experience and learning through our RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) process.

Future Careers

The knowledge and skills you have acquired will be invaluable in a wide range of careers and activities, and can be applied to virtually any research related endeavour. This course will be highly relevant to individuals who wish to update or develop their research skills, want to become familiar with the latest trends or debates in research, are currently engaged in an on-going research project, or would like to engage in multi-, cross- or interdisciplinary work.

When do classes take place?

Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm, with exception of final class

Thursday 18th March, 7 – 9pm

30th Sep – 28th Oct + 11th Nov – 9th Dec

6th Jan – 3rd Feb 2021 + 17th Feb – 18th Mar 2021

Fees

€900

How to apply

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