

Module Specification

Summary Information

Module Code	7601MIM
Formal Module Title	Academic Skills
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	15
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Module Pass Mark	50

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	20
Seminar	20
Tutorial	20

Module Offering(s)

Start Month	Duration
September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The aim of this module is to introduce the main theories and methodologies regarding practice as research, self-assessment, and reflective analysis. The module will also initiate a process of professional career development planning.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Apply methods of investigation, identify personal/individual professional skills, and develop approaches to practise as research.
MLO2	Systematically examine and evaluate approaches to professional development, concepts of learning by doing within the creative industries whilst critically evaluating relationships, structures, and frameworks within a professional work environment.

MLO3	Analyse applicable music and creative industry management occupations, identify and describe abilities that contribute to professional management expertise.
MLO4	Reflect on and evaluate factors which impact upon the achievement of professional goals and apply conclusions to personal career planning and development.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus

Through the method of reflective practice as a research methodology, the module will focus on academic skills such as:

1. accessing library resources
2. critically evaluating academic literature
3. developing feedback literacy
4. reflective writing skills
5. understanding the wider field of music research beyond their discipline.

The module will consider a range of professional environments and industry focused frameworks in order to analyse the global music economy and the role of creative, technical, economic, and technological processes within that economy. It will examine ways in which work orientated research can engender and reveal professional practise, creative thinking, and operational dynamics. The module will also consider various methods and paradigms for carrying out work-based research. Notions of personal development in the context of practical investigation and the demands of the industry will also be considered.

Module Overview

This module introduces the principal theories and methodologies underpinning the processes of practice as research, self-reflection, and reflective analysis. You analyse your own professional work and discover how to use that work as research to develop your professional journey. You are invited to self-reflect in a critically rigorous manner and apply the conclusions to career planning and development. Through lectures, seminars, and group discussions, you develop your essential learning, academic and writing skills, while cultivating essential critical thinking skills. You become familiar with appropriate research methodologies and understand the importance and procedures of ethical conduct of research projects in preparation for designing your own research projects and MA dissertation.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4