



MODULE BOOKLET

Module Title **Applied Information Research (AIR)**

Module Code **CMP034N**

Semester **Autumn**

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Module Booklet Contents

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MODULE SPECIFICATION

Module title

Applied Informaiton Research

Module code

CMP034N

Module level

M

Module Leader

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Home academic department

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Teaching location

North

Teaching semester

Autumn

Teaching mode

day

Module Type

STAN

Credit rating for module

20

Prerequisites and corequisites

None

Module summary

CMP034N

Applied Information Research

This is a single-weight module for students who wish to take the Diploma in Information Services Management award. The emphasis is on the application of research skills through the development of a proposal for funding in an area relevant to Information Professionals.

presentation 40%

written proposal 60%

Module aims

- To develop Information Research skills defined as essential competences by the Information Profession.
- To introduce practices and processes of writing a funded research proposal.
- To develop competent use of a range of dissemination techniques.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module students will be able to:

1. Design a research project exploring an issue relevant to the information profession in support of an application for funding
2. Identify and evaluate relevant literature in order to contextualise the research proposal.
3. Select research strategies appropriate to the nature of the proposed research project.
4. Communicate the various aspects of the research project using a range of dissemination strategies.

Syllabus

Approaches to Research Design: the breadth vs. depth debate and its impact on research objectives.

Research strategies: qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods approaches

Searching and evaluating the literature from a variety of sources and media

Sampling and evaluation strategies

Funding process and applications of Information Research.

Dissemination strategies to maximise the impact of the Information Research outcomes

Assessment strategy

The assessment will consist of two components:

- Presentation of the proposal to an adjudicating panel. You will present the proposal for the bid during weeks 10 and 11 and will be expected to use appropriate communication technology/ies. The adjudicating panel will be composed of the module convenor, one other member of staff and one external assessor. 40%
- The production of the complete bid outlining a proposal for a research project in an area of Information Management. This will include: clear research objectives; examination of the relevant literature; detailed research strategies undertaken (including evaluation); a timetable of the project; and an indication of costing, time scale involved and personal statement. 60% (The written bid will be submitted in week 14 on the day the module runs).

NB Submit the second component (ie the written bid) to Susie Andretta via email using one of the following addresses: s.andretta@londonmet.ac.uk or ilit@ilit.org using the template provided on the AIR website.

Summary description of assessment items

Assessment type	Description of item	% Weighting	Qual Mark	Qual Set	Tariff	Week due
ORL	Presentation of research bid	40%	50%	1		10/11
CWK	Research bid	60%	50%	1		12

Learning and teaching

Learning and teaching methods include:

Lectures (11 hours)

Workshops and Seminars (44 hours)

Tutorial (3 hours)

Self-directed study including use of WebCT (158 hours)

Assessment preparation (56 hours)

Bibliography

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Schön, D. (2003) *The Reflective Practitioner: how professionals think in action*, Ashgate, London

Silverman, D. (2001) *Interpreting Qualitative Data*, 2nd edition, Sage Publications

Online resources:

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<http://www.ilit.org/air/indexair.htm>

FURL archive. Available at: http://www.furl.net/members/janus_sa

Wilson, T.D.,

Information Research an international electronic journal, Available at:

<http://InformationR.net/ir/>

Electronic Resources for Information Research Methods, Available at:

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Module multivalency

Core: MA Information Services Management

Core: MSc Digital Information Management

Subject Standards Board

DASS PG subject standard board