

Module Details	
Module Title	Literature Reviewing for Doctoral Studies
Module Code	MAL7042-B
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	20
School	School of Management
Subject Area	Management and Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Online Lecture (Synchronous)	20
Tutorials	20
Directed Study	160

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
Undertake an advanced search and critically analyse literature on a specific topic in the discipline and assess its contribution to knowledge; Organise and synthesise that literature in order to write a critical and detailed review of what is known about that topic; Identify gaps in extant knowledge about specific academic and practitioner issues and explain how your doctoral research will contribute to both theory and organisational/management practice.

Outline Syllabus

Undertaking an advanced and systematic search and review of literature on a specific topic in business and management studies;
Engage in critiques of, and trends in, research methodologies;
Critically engage in current debates in business and management theory;
Methods for analysing a large number of publications;
Writing a critical and systematic review of literature on a specific topic in business and management studies;
Arriving at a conclusion about the current state of knowledge and research in a field;
Identifying gaps in knowledge and using this to generate and hone your research aims and objectives.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Systematic and advanced search and review of current literature, knowledge and debates at the forefront of the discipline.
02	Systematically analyse and critically evaluate the literature on a specific topic in business and management studies.
03	Comprehensive understanding of how established techniques of research are used to create and interpret new knowledge in the discipline.
04	Organize the literature review so that it forms a coherent narrative and identifies clear gaps in extant knowledge.
05	Write an advanced, systematic and up-to-date review of literature at the forefront of the discipline.
06	Identify gaps where current state of knowledge is insufficient, and identify areas where your study will contribute new knowledge.
07	Carry out a thorough, critical and comprehensive literature review on a specific topic in business and management studies, advancing your knowledge and understanding, and develop advanced scholarship skills.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

In this module you will explore how to develop essential advanced doctoral skills in order to critically assess and systematically engage with a the range of literature available on a chosen topic, so that you can critically assess the current state of knowledge about that issue.

Online practical sessions (synchronous) or seminars will introduce you to methods of systematically searching and critically analysing literature (1, 2, 5 & 7, achieving Aim A). Lectures will introduce you to ways of organising and synthesising literature, so that you can write a detailed and critical review (1 to 4, achieving Aim B). Online lectures (synchronous) or tutorials will advise you on how to critically analyse the entire body of existing literature in a field, showing the current state of knowledge in the area, and identifying gaps where knowledge is insufficient (1, 2, 3 & 7, achieving Aims A, B and C).

Individual tutorials with your supervisor will help you hone those skills and relate it to your own research (1, 2 and 4 to 8 achieving Aims B and C), as will the coursework you undertake, involving a critical and detailed literature review of a topic of your choice (1 to 8, achieving Aims A, B, and C). This module will provide a solid foundation for the literature review in the DBA thesis, but this will be continually revised and developed as your studies progress.

For this module students will write a 5,000 word paper that reviews the literature in an area of business and management studies, which relates directly to their doctoral research. They can discuss plans with their supervisors and/or the director of studies.

Mode of Assessment				
Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Essay	N/A	100%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.

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