Generic Research Courses
Provisional Dates for 2017-18

Sources of Knowledge (SoK)– semester 1
Briefing instructions provided during induction week (WB 11 September 2017). We anticipate sessions on Monday and Thursday morning when all students should be present. Learn course available to students from 11 September 2017.

Week 1 – watching videos and reading, familiarisation with Learn pages – no in-person workshop session (WB 18 September 2017)


Window 1. Asynchronous online workshops. Students need regular online access (at least three times per week) throughout this time to access videos, readings and to contribute to discussions.
Window 2. Workshops on Tuesday evening for 1.5 hours. Workshops will take place at some time between 1710 and 2020.
Window 3. Workshops on Friday morning for 1.5 hours. Workshops will take place at some time between 0900 and 1300.

Weeks 7-8 – revision sessions (optional) (Monday 30 October 5pm – room tbc and Monday 6 November 5pm – room tbc)

Week 8 – Student Staff Liaison Committee (Wednesday 8 November 2017, 1-2pm). Two representatives from each workshop group

Assignment deadline: Friday 10 November 2017 at noon

Assignment feedback returned by end of Monday 4 December 2017 (= 15 working days turnaround, not counting St Andrew’s Day)

Please note that although some programmes have a ‘reading week’ in the autumn, we are not able to accommodate this in timetable planning.
Conceptualising Research (CR) – semester 2
Learn course available to students from 10 January 2018
Staff briefing Thursday 11 January 2018, 3-4pm
Weeks 1-5 – workshops in person and online (WB 15 January – WB 12 February 2018)

Window 1. Asynchronous on line workshops. Students need regular access (at least three times per week) on line throughout this time to access videos, readings and to contribute to discussions.
Window 2. Workshops on Tuesday evening for 1.5 hours. Workshops will take place at some time between 1710 and 2020.
Window 3. Workshops on Wednesday afternoons for 1.5 hours. Workshops will take place at some time between 1310 and 1700.

Week 7 – Student Staff Liaison Committee (Wednesday 28 February, 1-2pm)
Weeks 7 & 8 – revision sessions (optional) (WB 26 February and 5 March)
Standardization meeting: Thursday 15 March 1-3pm
Assignment Deadline: Friday 16 March at noon
Complete marking between 16 March and 2 April 2018
Moderation meeting: Wednesday 4 April 2018 1-4pm – room tbc
Assignment feedback returned by end of Friday 6 April 2018 (= 15 working days turnaround)

Board of Examiners early May 2018, date TBC

Planning Research (PR) – semester 2
Learn course available to students from 5 February 2018
Staff briefing for tutors on the course 26 February 2018, 1-2pm
Weeks 8-12 – workshops in person and online (WB 5 March 2018 – WB 26 March 2018)

Session 1. Workshop WB 5 March (either Tuesday evening or Wednesday afternoon in person, or online across the week)
Sessions 2-4. Methods mini-conference (students select three 90-minute sessions from a range of topics and times available, starting at 9am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm each day): 19-22 March (online students work on equivalent material WB 12 and 19 March)
Session 5. Workshop with proposal poster as workshop activity WB 26 March (either Tuesday evening or Wednesday afternoon in person, or online across the week).
Students’ deadline for posting their posters on the discussion board is by Monday 26 March, in order that tutors have some time to prepare the generic feedback for the class. Tutors are welcome to set their own deadline for their own workshop.
Standardization meeting Wednesday 29 March, 1-3pm (before Session 5)
Student Staff Liaison Committee Thursday 29 March, 3.30-4.30pm (student representatives will meet at 15:00 to prepare: tutors to attend if available at 15:30)
Assignment Deadline (submit final poster): Friday 13 April at noon
Complete marking between 13 April and 1 May
Moderation meeting Wednesday 2 May, 12-3pm – room tbc
Assignment feedback returned by end of Monday 7 May 2018 (= 15 working days turnaround, not counting May Day)

Board of Examiners early September 2018, date TBC