

Scheme of work for 2025-2025

MBA Project HSPVRX-60-7

This module has teaching and learning activities in semester 1 and 2.

Semester 1 Teaching and Learning Activities

Week & date commencing	Title of session	Contact hrs	Session type & lecturer	Indicative content of the session	Associated learning activities
Week 1 22/09/25	Teams Session 1: Wednesday 24/9/25 Welcome and Introduction	6 Hours	Teams lecture & workshop Dr Polly Pick	Introduction: Overview of project requirements and the course assessment Explaining business context – setting the scene Finding and reviewing appropriate academic literature	<i>How to Do Your Research Project.</i> London, UK: Sage. Thomas, G. (3 rd Edition 2017) <i>You will be expected to identify all other reading relevant to your chosen topic and will be required to read widely using the library catalogue, a variety of bibliographic and full text databases, and Internet resources. Many resources can be accessed remotely. You will need to ensure that you are familiar with current research, classic works and material specific to your own research interests from the academic literature and wider professional sources</i>

Week 2 29/09/25	Teams Session 2: Wednesday 01/10/25 Research Design	6 Hours	Teams lecture & workshop Dr Polly Pick	Research Design: Research Ethics, Research Methodology, Research Methods and practical advice. Selecting Participants Informed consent	<i>Business Research Methods.</i> Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. Bell, E., Bryman, A. and Harley, B. (6 th Edition 2022) <i>Research Methods for Business Students.</i> Harlow, UK: Pearson Education Ltd. Saunders M., Lewis P., and Thornhill, A. (9 th Edition 2023).
Week 3 6/10/25					Research and review academic and other relevant literature. Secure access to research participants/ case companies.
Week 4 13/10/25	Teams Catch-up Wednesday 15/10/25	1 Hour	Dr Polly Pick	In this session we will look at what academic articles you have found and how your ideas have developed	
Week 5 20/10/25					Prepare Poster and be ready to discuss the details....
Week 6 27/10/25	On Campus Session: Wednesday 29/10/25 Poster Presentations	6 Hours	Face to Face on Campus Dr Polly Pick John Lannon	Poster Presentations: ** <u>Poster Presentations are Due</u> ** Giving and receiving feedback Participants will share and discuss their project with the group and Tutors . You will need to prepare an A3 Research Poster.	<i>1. You will need to highlight 4-6 valuable sources drawn from current research, classic works and material specific to your own research interests from the academic literature and wider professional sources 2. You will need to explain why your research is important, valuable, and relevant to your business 3. You will need to provide an overview of your planned fieldwork and participant selection</i>

Week 7 03/11/25					Review feedback/ thoughts from poster session, research additional literature or research methods. Consider data collection and analysis. What do you need, is there software to help?
Week 8 10/11/25	Teams Session 3: Wednesday 12/11/25 Planning for Analysis	6 Hours	Teams lecture & workshop Dr Polly Pick	Planning for Analysis: Requirements for a successful proposal Managing participant data Requirements for Project approval.	<i>Critical Thinking Skills: Developing Effective Argument and Analysis.</i> Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan. COTTRELL, S. (4 th Edition 2023)
Week 9 17/11/25					Plan data collection/ field work Consider timings
Week 10 24/11/25					Finalise Proposal.
Week 11 01/12/25	Tuesday 03/12/25			** <u>Project Proposal & Literature Summary is Due</u> **	
Week 12 08/12/25					Review proposal feedback – amend and resubmit if required

Semester 2 Teaching and Learning Activities

Week no. & Mon.'s date	Title of session	Contact hrs	Session type & lecturer	Indicative content of the session	Associated learning activities
Week 1 26/01/26				NB: You must NOT begin fieldwork until your proposal has been signed off	Review proposal feedback – ** amend and resubmit if required **
Week 2 02/02/26	Teams Session 4: Wednesday 04/02/26 Writing up	6 Hours	Teams lecture & workshop Dr Polly Pick	Writing up: Thematic Analysis and links to literature Conclusions and Recommendations Writing your Introduction What next?	<i>Academic Research, Writing and Referencing.</i> Harlow, UK: Longman. Deane, M. (2010) How to Do Your Research Project. London, UK: Sage. Thomas, G. (3 rd Edition 2017)
Week 3 09/02/26					** Field Work **
Week 4 16/02/26					** Field Work **
Week 5 23/02/26					** Field Work **
Week 6 02/03/26					** Field Work **
Week 7 09/03/26	Teams Catch-up Wednesday 11/03/26	1 Hour	Dr Polly Pick	In this session we will look at how primary research is going, what you are learning from the process and whether the volume of data/ material you are collecting is appropriate.	

Week 8 16/03/26					** Field Work **
Week 9 23/03/26					** Field Work **
Week 10 20/04/26					** Field Work, Analysis and Writing-up**
Week 11 27/04/26					** Field Work, Analysis and Writing-up**
Week 12 04/05/26	Teams Catch-up Wednesday 06/05/26	1 Hour	Dr Polly Pick	In this session we will look at how primary research is going, what you are learning from the process and whether the volume of data/ material you are collecting is appropriate.	

In addition to the details shown above, you may arrange some (typically 3) meetings person on campus or on Teams with your tutor for 1:1 project supervision.

Please note your final submission is due on

**** Tuesday the 7th of July 2026 at 14:00 ****

36 Hours Contact time in total

Online Teams workshops 24/9/25, 1/10/25, 12/11/25 and 4/2/26

On Campus session 29/10/25

Online catch up/ drop in sessions 15/10/25, 11/3/26 and 6/5/26

1:1 Tutor meetings TBA x 3

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