

This module involves a five-day field class in Scotland's premier city. It provides practical experience and training in designing, executing, analysing, writing-up and presenting a field research project. For much of the module you will work as part of a group, providing the opportunity to develop team-working and communication skills.

Through this module, you will learn how to:

- Plan, execute and deliver a research project
- Collect and analyse data using at least four of the following: archives; qualitative and quantitative secondary data, interviews, focus groups, (participant) observation, surveys and questionnaires
- Critically evaluate methods for their appropriateness to a research project.
- Present results using appropriate oral, visual and textual techniques
- Understand what is needed for successful teamwork
- Undertake professional standard ethics and risk appraisal

Students work in groups to plan and undertake field research. They give a group presentation on their preliminary results, and then work individually to produce their own final report. In support of this, preparatory lectures provide relevant background information and training, including feedback on the planned group research projects. During the residential field class staff provide daily support, guidance and feedback on project execution and write-up, which is continued after the trip via a series of drop-in clinic sessions.

Assessment is via a group presentation of preliminary results (33%); an individual write-up of final results (34%); and an individual self-reflection on the lessons learnt about teamwork (33%).

