

Access to Higher Education Unit

This unit forms part of an Access to HE Diploma. This is a developmental unit so is only available as ungraded.

Unit Title: Study Skills: Developing Research Skills

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UD33DEV16

Module: Developmental

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Units barred for selection against this unit:

- **Study Skills: Research Skills and Using Information (UD36DEV36)**

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand different approaches to academic research and the concept of intellectual ownership	1.1 Explain the difference between primary and secondary research
	1.2 Evaluate the use of primary and secondary research for a variety of purposes
	1.3 Describe the concept of intellectual ownership in relation to primary and secondary research
	1.4 Explain how and why secondary sources should be referenced in research papers and reports
2. Understand the techniques that may be employed for academic research	2.1 Discuss the concepts of reliability, objectivity and validity in relation to qualitative and quantitative approaches
	2.2 Evaluate the relative merits of qualitative and quantitative data in the contexts of a variety of research topics
	2.3 Explain some of the principles used in the selection of secondary sources, including Internet and non-Internet sources

3. Understand the importance of ethical considerations in planning and conducting academic research critical thinking to a current or historical issue	3.1 Evaluate the need for confidentiality in the contexts of a variety of research topics 3.2 Evaluate the ethical considerations that may arise in the contexts of a variety of research programmes
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