

Weekly Planner
ECPS5011: Research Methods II
2026/2027

NB: Semester 1 class times 9:30am – 12pm

Wk	Date	Topic	Key Reading
1	1 st Oct	Qualitative research methods	Braun and Clarke (Successful qualitative research) – Chapters 1 and 2 or Smith (Qualitative psychology) - Chapters 1 and 2
2	8 th Oct	Interviewing skills	Braun and Clarke (Successful qualitative research) – Chapters 4 and 5 or Smith (Qualitative psychology) - Chapters 1 and 2
3	15 th Oct	Qualitative analysis – Thematic analysis	Braun and Clarke (Successful qualitative research) – Section 3 or Smith (Qualitative psychology) – Chapter 10
4	22 nd Oct	Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA)	Braun and Clarke (Successful qualitative research) – Chapter 13 or Smith (Qualitative psychology) – Chapter 1 And Smith (IPA): various chapters depending upon requirements
Reading Week: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October			
5	5 th Nov	Quantitative research Assessment information	Coolican (Research methods and statistics in psychology) – Chapters 1 to 5, and 13 to 19 Brace et al. (SPSS for psychologists) – Chapters 5 and 6
6	12 th Nov	Effect size and power analysis	Documents available via Moodle
7	19 th Nov	Scales and psychometrics	Coolican (Research methods and statistics in psychology) – Chapter 8 Brace et al. (SPSS for psychologists) – Chapters 3, 4 and 13
8	26 th Nov	Screening and cleaning data, manipulating data, reliability analysis	
9	2 nd Dec	Introduction to ANOVA	Coolican (Research methods and statistics in psychology) – Chapters 23 and 24 Brace et al. (SPSS for psychologists) – Chapter 9
10	10 th Dec	Two-way ANOVA and beyond	Coolican (Research methods and statistics in psychology) – Chapters 23 and 24 Brace et al. (SPSS for psychologists) – Chapter 9
Christmas Break (3 weeks): 14th December – 1st January			
Assessment period: 4th – 22nd January			
11	28 th Jan	No session	

12	4 th Feb	1pm – 2pm Final report queries	Report assessment tile on Moodle
Reading Week 8 th – 12 th February			
13	18 th Feb	No Session	
14	25 th Feb	1pm – 3pm Correlation to regression	Coolican (Research methods and statistics in psychology) – Chapters 19 ad 20 Brace et al. (SPSS for psychologists) – Chapters 6 and 10
15	4 th Mar	No Session	
16	11 th Mar	No Session	
17	18 th Mar	No Session	
Easter Break (3 weeks): 22 nd March – 9 th April			
18	15 th Apr	No Session	
19	22 nd Apr	1pm – 3pm Empirical project preparation	Empirical project prep tile on Moodle
20	29 th Apr	No Session	
Assessment period: 3 rd – 21 st May			