



HSC1003 – An Introduction to Research Methods in the Health Sciences

Academic Year 2025/6 - Semester 2

Venue: South Auditorium

Coordinator: Dr Stephen Mizzi

Date	Time	Topic	Lecturer
Thursday 12 th February	15:00 – 17:00	The Research Process	Dr Rita Pace Parascandalo
Thursday 19 th February	15:00 – 17:00	Understanding Quantitative Research Strategies	Dr. John Xerri de Caro
Thursday 26 th February	15:00 – 17:00	Understanding Qualitative Research Strategies	Dr. Marjorie Bonello
Thursday 5 th March	15:00 – 17:00	Reading, Analysing and Synthesising the Literature	Dr. Stephen Mizzi
Thursday 12 th March	15:00 – 17:00	Research Ethics	Prof. Cynthia Formosa
Week starting 26 th March till the end of May	4 hours	Academic Writing and Reference Styles Assignment Tutorials	Department Lecturers

To ensure a consistent narrative regarding the research process we suggest the book: John W. Creswell (2014) Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches 4th ed (this is the most recent edition and it's available at the FHS library, it has been placed on the reference section so that it will be available to all). The book has become somewhat of a bible for research methods worldwide and students can use it from undergraduate to postgraduate level. It gives an excellent overview of the research process and all research methodologies. Lecturers can of course suggest any other books in addition.