

Week commencing	Implementation schedule	Physically/ Remotely	Contact hours	Autonomous work for students (max hours)	Learning outcomes
14 September 2026	Introduction to the research process & literature reviews	Remote	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and refine a research topic and develop a structured search strategy to locate relevant academic literature.
21 September 2026	Literature searching & search strategy development	Remote	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and refine a research topic and develop a structured search strategy to locate relevant academic literature. Access and critically evaluate academic sources using appropriate scholarly databases and information resources.
28 September 2026	Evaluating & managing literature	Remote	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and critically evaluate academic sources using appropriate scholarly databases and information resources. Apply appropriate academic referencing conventions and use reference management software to support scholarly writing.

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate academic integrity through the ethical use of information and the avoidance of plagiarism.
5 October 2026	Organising & synthesising literature	Remote	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise, analyse and synthesise information from multiple sources to identify key themes, trends and gaps within the literature.
12 October 2026	Writing the literature review	Remote	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise, analyse and synthesise information from multiple sources to identify key themes, trends and gaps within the literature. • Produce a structured and evidence-based literature review on a chosen research topic.
19 October 2026	Preparing the final submission	Remote	4	8	
Total Hours			24	48	