

Module Title:	Research Methods	Module Code:	COP500
Session:	2017/2018	Semester:	2
Title/Description:	Paper evaluation	Part:	2 of 2
This coursework represents 40 % of the module assessment			
Staff Member responsible:	Dr C W Dawson		
Date set:	w/b 26 February 2018		
Date to be handed in:	9 March 2018	By 2pm - Schofield	

Specification:	As attached
Method(s) of Presentation:	1) All pages must be single sided. 2) Pages must be held together by a single staple in the top left hand corner. 3) All pages must be numbered. 4) A front cover page should include your name, student ID number, and course.
Assessment Guidelines:	Appropriate choice of papers. Evidence of understanding of field. Critical evaluation of those papers. Appraisal of the process.

Objective

Undertake a critical evaluation of two journal papers in your field of interest.

Compare and contrast the two papers.

Explain how the papers fit into the wider field and what they contribute to that field.

Evaluate the process you have followed to choose and critically evaluate the papers.

The report should be structured as follows:

1. Introduction (10%)

Introduce the field the papers are from. Introduce the two papers in turn and explain why you have chosen them in particular. You can refer to your report from Coursework 1 if you want to discuss the context.

As part of the introduction - were there other papers you considered but decided not to use – and why?

2. Critique of Paper A (25%)

3. Critique of Paper B (25%)

4. Compare and contrast the two papers (20%)

5. Conclusions (20%)

What have you learnt from the papers?

How did this process of evaluation work for you? Was it useful?

What will you do differently, if anything, next time you read an academic paper?

Has your understanding of the field changed in any way since reading these papers?

Marking

Marks are based on the depth of academic content within the report. A superficial discussion of the papers, little contextualisation, little justification and little critical evaluation of the process will attract low marks. A good report will provide a good academic discussion of the field and justification for the chosen papers. The critique of the papers will be in-depth and professional. The report will provide a mature evaluation and comparison of the two papers and the conclusions will be insightful. Around at least 10 pages would be needed (12-point font) for a good report. The percentages indicate the relative weightings of each section when marking.