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Module Code:	SCI445
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Module Title:	Introduction to Search Dog Handling
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Level:	4	Credit Value:	10
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Cost Centre(s):	GAFS	JACS3 code:	D300
		HECoS code:	100522

Faculty	FAST	Module Leader:	Amy Rattenbury
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Scheduled learning and teaching hours	12 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning eg practical classes, workshops	6 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total contact hours	18 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	82 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	100 hrs

Programme(s) in which to be offered (not including exit awards)	Core	Option
N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pre-requisites
N/A

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Initial approval:	02/11/2020	Version no:1
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Module Aims

This module aims to introduce the basic skills, knowledge and understanding required of a Search Dog handler to ensure the provision of a professional level of service. Students will acquire an underpinning knowledge of various specialisms within the field as well as an awareness of the diverse and challenging roles within an operational search context. Students will have the opportunity to complete practical work as part of a simulated search dog handling team and the module is designed to help prepare and direct them towards the required training required for a career in this area. This qualification whilst not a security discipline has been developed in conjunction with UK-K9 Training for Excellence having many years of experience in this field and is endorsed by NASDU.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to

1	Prepare a plan and for the search of a given location by a dog handling team
2	Demonstrate a safe and effective search as part of a dog handling team.
3	Report and reflect upon individual performance of tasks on an operational search exercise

Employability Skills The Wrexham Glyndŵr Graduate	I = included in module content A = included in module assessment N/A = not applicable
CORE ATTRIBUTES	
Engaged	IA
Creative	N/A
Enterprising	N/A
Ethical	IA
KEY ATTITUDES	
Commitment	IA
Curiosity	IA
Resilient	IA
Confidence	IA
Adaptability	IA
PRACTICAL SKILLSETS	
Digital fluency	I
Organisation	IA
Leadership and team working	IA
Critical thinking	I
Emotional intelligence	I/A
Communication	IA

Derogations

N/A

Assessment:

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

Students will complete two assessments:

1. The first will be a simulated search exercise where students will take on the role of a member of a search dog handling team and will be tasked to plan and perform a practical search.
2. The second will be a reflective log of their performance on the simulated search activity

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1&2	Simulation	70
2	3	Reflective Practice	30

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

The module will be delivered through a series lectures, workshops and practicals both in the classroom and out in the field. There will be class discussions and the opportunity to share information, and develop good communication skills. Case studies will be used throughout to illustrate principles and students will be supported in their learning by very experienced professionals working in the subject area. Additional learning materials to complement the face-to-face delivery will also be made available online such as articles and videos.

Syllabus outline:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Handler & Dog Qualities • Principles of Search Training • Search Methods & Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording & Documentation • Specialist Security & Detection Dogs • Training and Career Planning |
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Indicative Bibliography:**Essential reading**

Gerritsen, R., Haak, R., & Prins, S. (2013) *K9 Behavior Basics: A Manual for Proven Success in Operational Service Dog Training*. Dog Training Press.

Other indicative reading

Gerritsen, R., Haak, R. (2015) *K9 Scent Training: A Manual for Training Your Identification, Tracking and Detection Dog*. Dog Training Press.

Jeziarski, T., Ensminger, J., & Papet, L.E. (2016) *Canine Olfaction Science and Law: Advances in Forensic Science, Medicine, Conservation, and Environmental Remediation*. CRC Press.

Shaffer, V.H. (2018) *K9 Teams: Beyond the Basics of Search and Rescue and Recovery*. Dog Training Press.