Reading strategy – worked example 1 (Social Sciences)

Module title: **BKU401 Introduction to bee-keeping**

**READING STRATEGY (Addressed to validation panels)**

**Reading expectations:**

This is an introductory module that covers many of the basic concepts and skills of beekeeping. A core course reader will form the backbone of the reading for this module, and will be referred to in all sessions. Students are expected to purchase a copy of the core text. (Indicative core text: Bloggs, J. (ed.) (2016) *Bee-keeping: a reader*. 5th edn. London: Honey. Current RRP *(May 2019)*: £29.99)

The face to face sessions and the assessment expects students to be very familiar with this text.

A further list of 3 to 4 books will be highlighted as useful purchases. It is recommended that students buy one of these titles. (Current RRP: £15 to £35)

One chapter from each of these recommended-purchase books will be made available on Moodle to support broader reading, and to help students choose which book to purchase.

A short reading list of around 6 to 8 items on particular bee-keeping topics will be included on Moodle as part of the weekly support material, together with links to the web-sites of the three major British and European bee-keeping societies, the UK Bees and Wasps Agency and the Scottish Bee Institute.

The team has begun a process of investment in e-books to support this module and aims to move increasingly in this direction as titles become available in this format. We try to purchase DRM-free e-books where possible.

Default loan period for books on the reading list will be one week loan

Planned number of copies of the reading list books will be one copy for each 10 students on the module.

To increase current stock to meet this standard would cost around: £2,000

| Anticipated cohort size: 40 |
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| **Default loan period** | **Number of copies** | **Start-up Cost** |
| **Required purchase** | Reference only | 1 copy | £29.99 |
| **Recommended purchases** | Week loan | 1 copy per 20 students | £137.96 |
| **Other essential reading** | Week loan | 1 copy per 10 students | £1300 (approx) |
| **Recommended reading** | Standard loan | 2 copies | £650 (approx) |
**Skills development:**

An introductory training session on using Moodle, the library catalogue and e-books will be held early in the module. This will be delivered by Library Services staff.

A further, more detailed session will be given as part of the Extended Induction course in week 4.

An introductory tutorial on using Moodle is prominently displayed on the Moodle home page.

The Library offers regular drop-in support sessions on accessing e-books and finding resources.

Introductory referencing will be covered in session by the module tutor, but is covered in more depth in PLU401.

**Communication to students**

The modular reading will be included in the Moodle module page in the section on ‘module requirements.’

The required-purchase text will be highlighted to prospective students in the pre-course information sent to new starters.

Each week, a specific reading from the core text will be required. The details, together with a number of reflective questions, will be posted on Moodle three working days before the linked lecture. Students are expected to read the material before the lecture.

In each week’s Moodle section, a small number of other relevant books will be listed for those who wish to follow up in greater depth.
READING FOR THE MODULE (Addressed to students)

Purchase(s):

The latest edition of Bee-keeping by Bloggs will form the core reading for this module, and will be referred to in all sessions. Students should purchase a copy. The current edition (at May 2019) is the 5th edition. Editions are published regularly and you should purchase the most recent edition.

Required purchase(s)

Price: £29.99

Recommended purchase(s)

You will find it helpful to buy at least one other book from the following list, all of which will also be useful in a number of other modules in the first and second years of your course:

Price: £18.98
Price: £35.00
Price: £15.00

The classic work on bee-keeping by Holmes has been out of print for a long time, but copies are still frequently available second-hand. Although it does not reflect the latest advances in bee-keeping, it is a classic and it is worth picking up a copy if you can find one at a reasonable price:

Holmes, S. (1914) A practical handbook of bee culture, with some observations upon the segregation of the queen. Lewes: South Downs Press.

The price quoted is the recommended retail price (RRP). Cheaper prices may be available through book sellers; second hand copies may also be available through book sellers or the Students’ Union. If buying a second hand copy make sure that it is the current edition or, if absolutely necessary, the immediately previous edition.

Each week, you will need to read an extract from Bloggs. The details, together with a number of questions to start you thinking, will be posted on Moodle each Thursday. We expect you to have read the material before each Tuesday’s lecture.

Each week I will list a small number of other books on Moodle that will be helpful for that week’s topic.

You can access books that are available electronically directly from Moodle, or from the Library catalogue.
You can download or read electronic book chapters and other extracts directly from Moodle.

**Developing your skills:**

An introductory training session on using Moodle, the library catalogue and e-books will be held during our regular class in Week 2.

A further, more detailed session will be given as part of the Extended Induction course in Week 4.

There is introductory tutorial on using Moodle which is prominently displayed on the home page when you log into Moodle. Help in using specific features in Moodle can be found in the e-Learning Help and Support area on Moodle.

The Library offers regular drop-in support sessions on accessing e-books and finding resources. You can sign up for their workshops on the Library website.