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# Informatics Research Review

## Live Session 1

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# Welcome to IRR

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# Introduce yourself in the chat

- Please include:
  - Your name
  - Your MSc degree programme
  - (optional) your hobbies



# Course overview and status

- **235** students enrolled
- **Lectures**
  - Pre-recorded videos in weeks 1, 2 and 5, 6, and 7
  - We will keep updating LEARN/OpenCourse with useful materials, please visit these pages regularly
- **Tutorials**
  - 6 tutorials - starting from week 3 → commencing on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October
  - 13 tutorial groups: <https://edin.ac/3EK31yb>
  - For a tutorial change request, please complete this form: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/timetabling-examinations/timetabling/personalised-timetables/>
- **Coursework**
  - Research review – 100%



# IRR Learn Page

The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for the course 'Informatics Research Review (2023-2024)[SEM1]'. The page is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains 'Course Staff' (Aurora Constantin and Lindsay Seal), 'Details & Actions' (Class register, Progress Tracking, Course Image, Course is open, Class Collaborate, Books & Tools, Question Banks, Microsoft Teams), and 'Course Settings'. The main content area is titled 'Course Content' and lists several items: 'READ ME FIRST - IMPORTANT INFORMATION' (Hidden from students), 'Click Here for Teaching Materials' (Visible to students, highlighted with a red box), 'Course Overview' (Visible to students), 'Course Contacts' (Visible to students), 'Course Information' (Visible to students, expandable), and 'Week 0 to-do list' (Visible to students, expandable). The 'Click Here for Teaching Materials' link is highlighted with a red box.



# IRR Piazza

The screenshot shows a course page with a navigation bar at the top containing: Content, Calendar, Announcements, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, Analytics, Groups, and Student Preview. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Microsoft teams' section with a link to 'Enable Microsoft Teams'. The right column contains a list of course resources, each with an icon, a title, a visibility toggle, and a description. The resources are: 'Visible to students' (includes course information), 'Week 0 to-do list' (short list of activities), 'Coursework Planner' (overview of submission and feedback timing), 'Assessment' (includes submission dropboxes and feedback), 'Lecture Recordings' (access to recordings), 'Library Resources' (reading list and services), and 'Piazza' (discussion boards). The 'Piazza' item is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Content Calendar Announcements Discussions Gradebook Messages Analytics Groups Student Preview

Microsoft teams  
[Enable Microsoft Teams](#)

Visible to students -  
Includes important course information, learning outcomes, course contacts and help and support. (Click to expand)

Week 0 to-do list  
Visible to students -  
Please take a few minutes to work through this short list of activities to ensure you are able to access all the key technologies used on this course and to familiarise yourself with key dates.

Coursework Planner  
Visible to students -  
Overview of all coursework including submission and feedback timing.

Assessment  
Visible to students -  
Includes assessment information and submission dropboxes, where to find feedback, and examples of previous assignments.

Lecture Recordings  
Visible to students -  
Access to lecture recordings for this course (Opens in a new window).

Library Resources  
Visible to students -  
Reading list, subject guide, DiscoverEd, and Library services.

Piazza  
Visible to students -  
Access the Piazza discussion boards for the course



# Schedule

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Groups

## IRR: Schedule

Navigation links

- [IRR: Course Materials](#)
- [IRR: Schedule](#)**
- [IRR: Week 1](#)
- [IRR: Week 2](#)
- [IRR: Week 3](#)
- [IRR: Week 4](#)
- [IRR: Week 5](#)
- [IRR: Week 6](#)
- [IRR: Week 7](#)
- [IRR: Week 8](#)
- [IRR: Week 9](#)
- [IRR: Resources and Reading](#)
- [IRR: Assessment](#)

Week	Commencing	Lectures and Workshops/Q&A Live Sessions	Tutorials	Elevator Pitch
1	18-Sep-2023	<b>Lecture 1: Introduction</b>  Part 1: Overview of the IRR Course  Part 2: What a Research Review is and How to Get Started?  <b>Q&amp;A Live Session</b>  <b>Workshop 1: Discussing a Research Review</b>	No tutorial	



# Schedule

The screenshot shows a web interface for a course schedule. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Manage', 'Shortcuts', and a user profile 'aconsta2'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail 'Groups'. The main content area is titled 'IRR: Week 1'. On the right side, there is a 'Navigation links' section with a list of links: 'IRR: Course Materials', 'IRR: Schedule', 'IRR: Week 1' (highlighted with a red box), 'IRR: Week 2', 'IRR: Week 3', 'IRR: Week 4', 'IRR: Week 5', 'IRR: Week 6', 'IRR: Week 7', 'IRR: Week 8', 'IRR: Week 9', 'IRR: Resources and Reading', and 'IRR: Assessment'. The main content is organized into sections: 'Lectures', 'Tutorial', and 'Live Q&A Session'. Under 'Lectures', there are two entries: 'Lecture 1.1 Introduction (Part 1): Overview of the IRR Course' and 'Lecture 1.2 Introduction (Part 2): What a Literature Review is and How to Get Started?'. Under 'Tutorial', it states 'There is no tutorial this week. Our tutorials begin in week 3.' Under 'Live Q&A Session', it states 'Live session 1, Wednesday 14.10. You can join the session from Live Classroom in Learn.'



# Resources

The screenshot shows a web page for 'Open Course Materials' at the University of Edinburgh. The header is blue with the university logo and 'informatics Open Course Materials'. A 'Menu' icon is in the top right. Below the header is a row of buttons: 'View' (highlighted), 'Edit', 'Delete', and 'Revisions'. A breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > IRR: Informatics Research Review'. The main heading is 'IRR: Resources and Reading'. Below it is a paragraph: 'Please note that the lectures are designed to provide an introduction and overview of the relevant course material. To gain a more comprehensive understanding of the topics covered in the course, we strongly recommend delving into the books and additional resources indicated on the reading'. On the right, under 'Navigation links', there is a list of links: 'IRR: Course Materials', 'IRR: Resources and Reading' (highlighted with a red box), 'IRR: Academic Development Resources', 'IRR: Topic Guidance Resources', and 'IRR: Assessment'.



# Activity 1 - CW Template (~3 mins)

- Explore the CW Template under “*Assessment and Feedback Information*” in Learn → “*Additional Assessment Information*”
- What are two of the approaches used to organize the evaluation of the sources? Please answer in the chat.



# Activity 2 – a prior IRR example (~3 mins)

- (individually) Open the *IRR Example 5*
- (individually) Identify the main sections of the review
- (in small groups) What approach has been used for evaluating the sources? Discuss in your group



# Activity 3 – a prior IRR example (~5 mins)

- (individually) Briefly read the introduction of the IRR example 5
- (in small groups) Try to summarise the topic in one sentence. Discuss in your group.



# This week you should be:

- Watching week 1 videos (2 introductory videos)
- Doing some readings (including prior IRRs)



Alternatively, use the IRR Piazza forum → from Learn, “*Discussion (Piazza)*”



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