This programme is aimed at a wide variety of careers within national and local Government, commercial research, charitable, public or the private sectors. Regional Development Agencies have noted the rapid rise in demand for graduates qualified in the full spectrum of research design and analysis techniques. This programme will be taught by world-leading experts within various fields and your independent research project will be closely supervised by a leading scholar in their field.

Key Features
- Economic and Social Research Council 1+3 Recognition
- Complete a 15,000 word dissertation in a topic of your choice.
- Optional short and intensive modules of focused study in social research methods.
- Extra options from other departments in the University of Liverpool, as well as universities in the North-West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (where available).

Length of Course
The MA can be studied either full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months) based on your circumstances, making it a very flexible prospect for Postgraduate study.

Application
You should apply for a postgraduate taught programme online. Visit our website for more information: www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/study/postgraduate-taught/.

Further Study
Students often go on to study Sociology and Social Policy MPhil/PhD after completing their MA.

Financial Support
A range of awards, scholarships and bursaries may be available for those undertaking postgraduate study at the University, including the Postgraduate Progression Award (for University of Liverpool undergraduates) and Postgraduate Masters Loans (see www.slc.co.uk).
SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS MA

This programme is designed to prepare you to successfully undertake postgraduate study at MPhil and PhD level, or to become an independent/career social researcher.

It has Economic and Social Research Council 1+3 Recognition status and has been specifically constructed for those who intend to undertake professional and/or academic research in Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology.

"The teaching draws primarily upon the expertise of the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology where the academic environment and approachable staff create an atmosphere of mutual knowledge exchange between staff and students."

Module Details
Required - Semester 1 & 2
• The Politics and Practices of Social Research
• Philosophy of Social Science
• Dissertation (15,000 words)
Optional* (Choose 90 Credits*)
Semester 1 - 5 Credit Modules
Doing Ethical Research
15 Credit Modules
• Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods
• Health, Lifecourse and Society
• Gender, the Body and Identity
• Gender and Crime
• Documentary Photography as Social Research Method
• The Risk Society

Semester 1/2 - 5 Credit Modules
• Using Foucault’s Methods
• Focus Groups
• Critical Discourse Analysis
• Visual Data, Visual Analysis
• Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
• Participatory Action Research
• Narrative Interviewing
• Interviewing
• Doing Ethical Research
• Observation
• Photography and Creative Practice

* This is an indicative list, modules are available based on staff availability for that particular academic year.
^ MA Students may choose up to 30 credits of Year 3 Undergraduate modules (SOCI3xx)

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