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.

**Semester 1** You will study 60 credits from the following 15 credit modules:

- **Required Modules:**
  - SOCI501 - The Politics and Practices of Social Research
  - SOCI504 - Philosophy of Social Science

- Students will choose 30 credits of optional modules from **SSPC, HSS, NWDTC** which include:
  - SOCI307 - Health, Lifecourse and Society
  - SOCI315 – Gender, the Body and Identity
  - SOCI308 – Gender and Crime
  - SOCI320 – The Risk Society
  - SOCI327 – Culture, Economy and Cities

**Semester 2** You will choose 60 credits of research skills from the following modules (each worth 5 credits unless otherwise stated):

- SOCI508 - Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods (15 credits)
- SOCI515 - Using Foucault's Methods
- SOCI516 - Focus Groups
- SOCI517 - Critical Discourse Analysis
- SOCI518 - Visual Data, Visual Analysis
- SOCI519 - Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
- SOCI520 - Participatory Action Research
- SOCI521 - Ethnographic Studies of Science and Technology
- SOCI524 - Narrative Interviewing
- SOCI526 – Interviewing
- SOCI527 - Doing Ethical Research*
- SOCI529 - Researching Private Companies*
- SOCI532 - Using Freedom of Information Requests in Research*
- SOCI533 – Observation*

A 60 credit dissertation of up to 15,000 words completes the programme

* Modules awaiting approval

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**SSPC – Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology**
**HSS – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**
**NWDTC – North West Doctoral Training Centre**
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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.

Length of Course

This MA can be studied either full-time or part-time or individual 5 credit modules may be taken as part of a CPD programme.

Application

Applications can be made online via your Liverpool Life portal. For more information on making an application, contact pguk@liv.ac.uk.

Further Study

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

Tuition Fees (for 2017 entry)

For up to date information: www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/research-methodology-sociology-and-social-policy-ma/fees/

Home/EU

• Full-time £5,700

• Part-time - students studying the programme part-time for two years will be charged at a rate of 50% per year. Students taking programmes part-time for a period exceeding two years will be charged dependent on module choice.

International

• £13,000

Financial Support

A range of awards, scholarships and bursaries may be available for those undertaking postgraduate study at the University.

Postgraduate Progression Award: A 10% reduction in tuition fees available to all University of Liverpool undergraduate students progressing to either full or part-time postgraduate taught study in 2017 at either our Liverpool or London campuses.

Postgraduate Masters Loans: Postgraduate Masters loans of up to £10,000 are available. For more information visit the Student Loans Company website www.slc.co.uk.

Find out more at:

https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/research-methodology-sociology-and-social-policy-ma/overview