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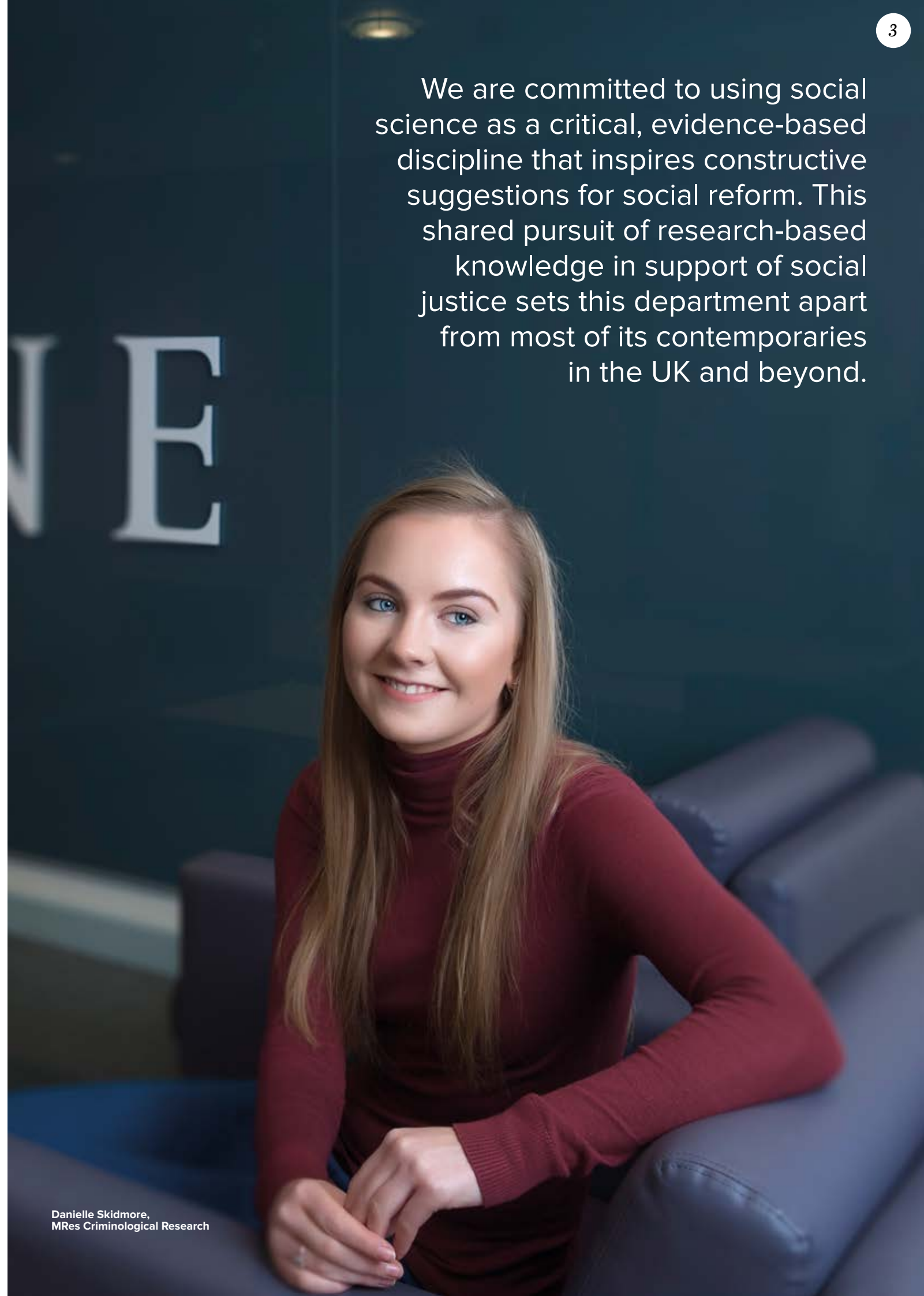
Everyone in the world is responsible for every calamity that happens in the world if he or she has left undone anything he or she could have done.

Eleanor Rathbone 1872 – 1946

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We are committed to using social science as a critical, evidence-based discipline that inspires constructive suggestions for social reform. This shared pursuit of research-based knowledge in support of social justice sets this department apart from most of its contemporaries in the UK and beyond.



Danielle Skidmore,
MRes Criminological Research

Why Undertake Postgraduate Studies in Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology?

As one of the UK's leading centres for Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology for over a century, we have influenced society with novel research insights in fields such as crime, health, welfare, housing, inequality and the operation of political power - at local, national and global levels. Today we are internationally renowned for our research and have a dynamic community of academic staff and students who work together in a shared spirit of discovery.

Why Undertake your Studies at Liverpool?

Postgraduates joining us in the School of Law and Social Justice will be integrated into a culture that constantly seeks to inspire excellence and encourage innovative perspectives. Modules are delivered by researchers and experts in their fields and our workshops are designed to hone critical thinking and reflective skills. Opportunities are also provided to collaborate with our innovative research centres, participate in exciting research and present at conferences and events. Students receive a friendly and personalised learning experience, with the opportunity to enhance qualifications or open up new career paths through our excellent relationship with local legal professions.

You will be encouraged to attend seminars, workshops and conferences through engage@liverpool, an initiative supporting research across the social sciences.

Our Postgraduate Taught Programmes

Our postgraduate taught programmes are influenced by our staff's experience and active research and are designed to provide our students with perspectives that promote critical awareness and understanding. Our programmes are available to be studied at Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and MA level. We also offer the opportunity to study these for Continuing Professional Development (CPD). You can progress through these levels on successful completion of each stage. Our programmes are delivered either full or part-time or by flexible learning with online delivery and provide you with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of your chosen subject area.

Research Opportunities

As a Russell Group institution, Liverpool has a very strong reputation for research excellence and our postgraduate research community forms an integral part of this. In addition to our taught programmes, we also offer supervision for research degrees. Our MPhil/PhD programmes normally take between one and four years to complete.

Contacting Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology

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Entry Requirements

For MRes degrees in Criminology and Social Research we expect candidates to normally hold a UK first degree with a 2:1 classification, preferably in the Social Sciences but we will consider non-social science applicants. Applicants with degrees from institutions outside the UK will be considered on an individual, but comparable basis (see www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/countries for details of entry requirements by country).

All applicants are required to supply: a completed application form, proof of qualifications and two references (one of which we require to be academic). Applicants are considered on the basis of academic ability and potential and other relevant considerations are also taken into account. Applicants who have marginally missed the benchmark indicated above are considered on a discretionary basis. Please see page 14 for further details on the application process.

International Applicants

Applications from international students are welcome. International qualifications will be evaluated in line with the National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) guidelines.

English Language Qualifications

All applicants must have reached a minimum required standard of English language, and are required to provide evidence of this. Qualifications accepted by the University include GCSE English; GCE O Level English; AS Level English; A Level English Language; IELTS; TOEFL; Cambridge Proficiency etc.

Typical Requirements

IELTS	Overall 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each component)
TOEFL iBT	88 or above with minimum scores in components as follows: Listening and Writing 21, Reading 22, Speaking 23.
International Baccalaureate	Standard Level (Grade 5)
Hong Kong use of English AS level	C
INDIA Standard XII	70% or above from Central and Metro State Boards
WAEC	C4-6

For more information please see www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/countries

Financial Support

Scholarships and bursaries are available for UK, EU and international students undertaking postgraduate study at the University. See www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/finance for more information.

Postgraduate experience

Whether you're a taught or research postgraduate you will be a valued member of our community. We organise regular postgraduate events and conferences. You are encouraged to take part in research projects such as our MA research methods training including engage@liverpool and Interchange initiatives.

Employability

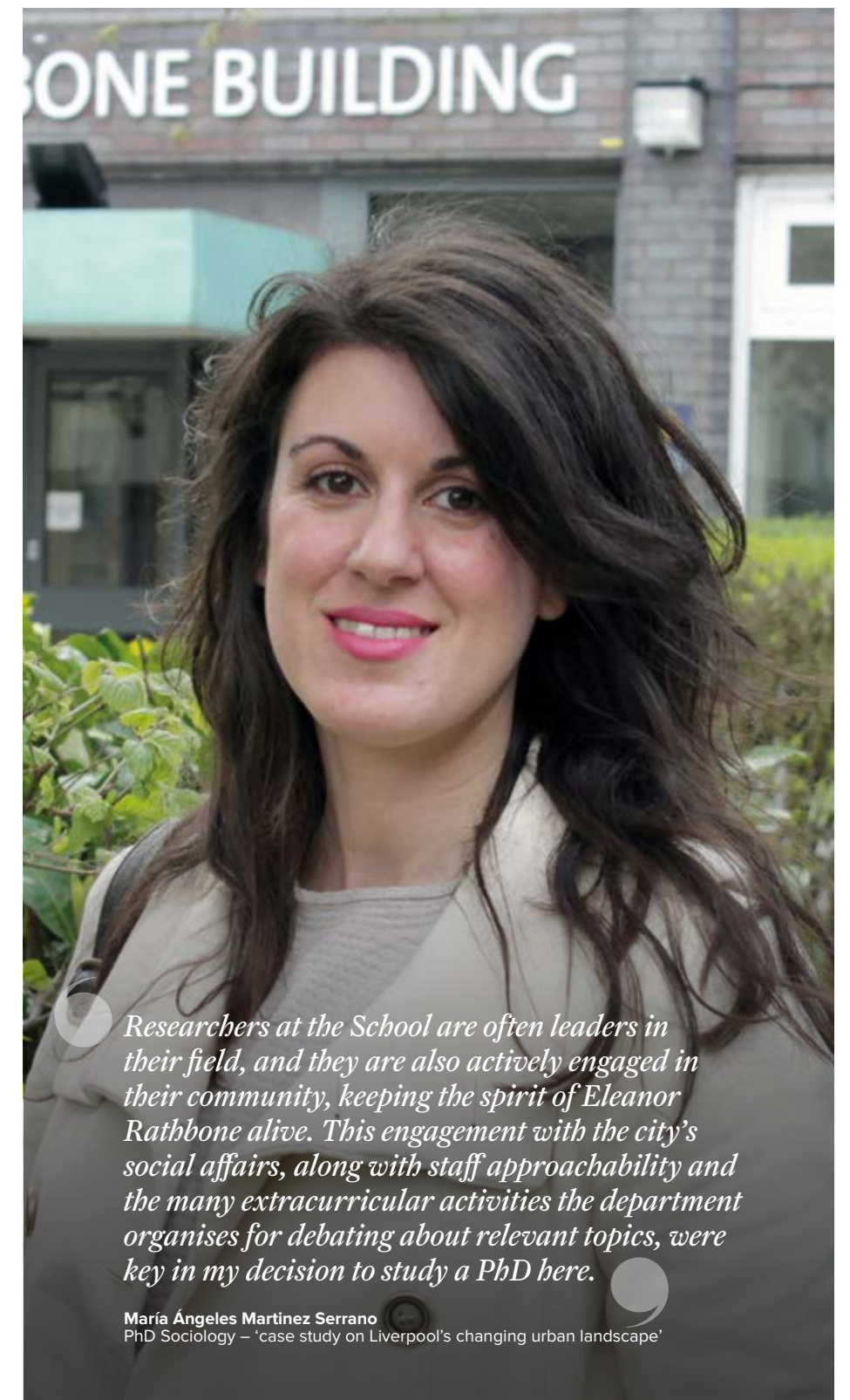
A postgraduate qualification can help you to stand out from the crowd, by acquiring skills and experience that will enhance your career and job prospects. We aim to motivate, educate and provide our students with a rewarding and enriched learning experience and equip students with the knowledge and ability to hone their skills to enhance their employability and professional impact.

Our Careers & Employability Service provides students with careers advice and employability sessions tailored to provide opportunities for support and development and is a central source of information on job opportunities, resources, including online resources, workshops and events. If you're undertaking postgraduate research, the PGR Development programme offers workshops, webinars, courses and resources to help the professional development of our postdoctoral researchers. For more information visit:

www.liverpool.ac.uk/careers/

Possible Career Destinations

Our distinctive programme in social research methods offers students the required research training skills to progress directly onto doctoral level social research, or to take up employment in a wide variety of careers within Government, charitable and/or private sectors. Many students pursue an academic career or a university research career in the Social Sciences (Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology) or in a related discipline. Other research graduates have developed a career in commercial research or have developed their research skills in a practical context in either the public or the private sector.



Researchers at the School are often leaders in their field, and they are also actively engaged in their community, keeping the spirit of Eleanor Rathbone alive. This engagement with the city's social affairs, along with staff approachability and the many extracurricular activities the department organises for debating about relevant topics, were key in my decision to study a PhD here.

María Ángeles Martínez Serrano
PhD Sociology – 'case study on Liverpool's changing urban landscape'

Programmes at a Glance

Postgraduate Taught Programmes	Programme Code	Full Time	Part Time	Page Number
Criminological Research MRes	MRES/CCJS	1 year	2 years	7
Social Research MRes	MRES/SOSR	1 year	2 years	7
Social Research Methods MA	MA/RMT	1 year	2 years	7

Postgraduate Research Programmes	Programme Code	Full Time	Part Time	Page Number
Sociology and Social Policy MPhil / PhD	SCMR/SCPR	2-4 years	4-7 years	7

Continuing Professional Development	
Social Research Methods (5 credits)	These are offered as short 5 credit modules as part of a Continuing Professional Development. For more information and to register visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/enage/events

Please note that the information provided is correct at the time of going to print but is subject to change.

For the very latest information visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate



Postgraduate Taught Programmes

Our work makes a tangible difference to society

Our research over the past five years has led to changes in criminal justice policy and procedure, changes in the way that public bodies are audited, and has led to the establishment of best practice in the evaluation of large-scale arts and cultural programmes.

We aim to enable our students to better understand what it means to be social, where society might be heading and what we can do to contribute to all our social futures.

Social Research Methods MA

Programme Outline

This programme has been specifically designed for students intending to undertake professional and/or academic research in sociology, social policy and criminology or to become an independent/career social researcher. It provides an excellent broad-based practical grounding in research techniques and has Economic and Social Research Council 1+3 Recognition status. Students are introduced to the principles of research design and strategy, qualitative and quantitative data-analysis and presentation. Practical skills are developed through task-based activity. Following completion of the MA, students typically go on to study Sociology and Social Policy MPhil/PhD.

You will study compulsory modules with a choice of optional modules.

Semester 1

Core modules (15 credits):
 SOCI501 The Politics and Practices of Social Research
 SOCI504 Philosophy of Social Science
 SOCI508 Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods

Optional Modules:

You will choose up to 30 credits of optional modules from Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, North West Doctoral Training Centre, which include:
 SOCI307 Health, Life course and Society
 SOCI315 Gender, the Body and Identity
 SOCI308 Gender and Crime
 SOCI320 The Risk Society
 SOCI327 Culture, Economy and Cities

Semester 2

Optional modules (5 credits):
 SOCI534 Spatial Analysis
 SOCI514 Surveys and Statistics
 SOCI515 Using Foucault's Methods
 SOCI516 Focus Groups
 SOCI517 Critical Discourse Analysis
 SOCI518 Using Visual Methods
 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

Social Research MRes

Programme Outline

The MRes programme offers advanced theoretical and practical training in postgraduate level research. You will conduct a substantial research project, which offers valuable experience whether you're preparing for a career or looking to develop in your career.

Semester 1

Core modules (15 credits):
 SOCI501 The Politics and Practices of Social Research
 SOCI504 Philosophy of Social Science
 SOCI508 Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods

Semester 2

Optional modules (5 credits):
 SOCI534 Spatial Analysis
 SOCI514 Surveys and Statistics
 SOCI515 Using Foucault's Methods
 SOCI516 Focus Groups
 SOCI517 Critical Discourse Analysis
 SOCI518 Using Visual Methods
 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 120 credit dissertation of up to 30,000 words completes the programme

Criminological Research MRes

Programme Outline

The MRes programme in Criminological Research offers advanced theoretical and practical training in postgraduate-level research. You will conduct a substantial research project that will give you valuable experience, whether you're preparing for, or looking to develop your career.

Semester 1

Core modules (15 credits):
 SOCI501 The Politics and Practices of Social Research
 SOCI504 Philosophy of Social Science
 SOCI508 Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods

Semester 2

Optional modules (5 credits):
 SOCI534 Spatial Analysis
 SOCI514 Surveys and Statistics
 SOCI515 Using Foucault's Methods
 SOCI516 Focus Groups
 SOCI517 Critical Discourse Analysis
 SOCI518 Using Visual Methods
 SOCI519 Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
 SOCI520 Participatory Action Research
 SOCI521 Ethnographic Studies of Science and Technology
 SOCI524 Narrative Interviewing
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 SOCI527 Doing Ethical Research
 SOCI529 Researching Private Companies
 SOCI532 Using Freedom of Information Requests in Research
 SOCI533 Observation

These modules are outstanding and make this programme a national standout. Exciting innovations such as these keep the programme at the forefront of MA methods training.

Associate Professor Shirley Tate,
 External Examiner, University of Leeds

Social Research Methods

**(Continuing Professional Development
5 credit modules)**

Programme Outline

We offer short 5 credit specialist research methods modules in the social sciences. These can be used as part of a CPD programme enabling you to study alongside work. These allow you to gain credits which can be used towards a Professional Award (30 Credits), Professional Certificate (60 credits), Professional Diploma (120 credits) or you can build towards an MA in Social Research Methods (180 credits).

By engaging in CPD, you can develop essential professional skills, keep your knowledge up to date and enhance your career development. Modules are studied on a part-time basis. For more information on modules and available dates visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/enage/events

Modules

Semester 1

The Politics and Practices of Social Research

SOCI501

This module provides students with an introduction to the politics and practice of social research. It does so by exploring the following aspects of the research process: the context of the modern university; the role of the social scientist; power, critique and reflexivity in the social sciences; the constraints, benefits and limitations of social science. Those are explored in relation to practical dilemmas and cases studies in social science research.

Philosophy of Social Science

SOCI504

A module that introduces students to academic debates about knowledge production and method within sociology and the social sciences. The module is structured to provide an insight into the historical debates about the relationship between method and knowledge and how they inform the development and transformation of the social sciences.

Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods

SOCI508

This module looks into the rationale and practice of analysing numerical data, largely derived from survey research, and the use of such data to understand the social world. It covers a range of skills from basic univariate and multivariate analysis techniques, to a consideration of the potential insights offered by longitudinal datasets and their analysis.

Health, Life course and Society

SOCI307

The aims of this module are to develop a broad range of sociological understandings of issues relevant to health, illness and the life course. This will involve critically examining new developments in theoretical and methodological approaches as well as a variety of empirical studies on the social and cultural aspects of health, illness and the life course.

Gender, the Body and Identity

SOCI315

This module introduces students to key issues in contemporary feminist theory. Centring on the controversies and debates surrounding gender and identity the course examines the ways in which feminist theorists have developed, contested and expanded the concept of gender. To do so the module explores a wide range of contemporary issues on the body and power.

Gender and Crime

SOCI308

This module explores issues concerning the gendered nature of work related to deviance. It considers arguments concerning women's relation to deviance, explores the links between masculinities and crime, studies the experiences of female offenders and explores experiences of women as victims of crime. Teaching is based on current research and practice in this key area of policy.

The Risk Society

SOCI320

This module examines the place of risk in the modern world. Students will be invited to explore the social impacts of various security risks and to examine the ways in which individuals produce, consume and manage risks in everyday life.

Culture, Economy and Cities

SOCI327

This module considers the links between the rise of urban forms of living, economic change, and the place of 'culture' within society. It asks questions such as why cities are at the heart of cultural development, why culture is seen by some as having a role to play in dealing with urban social problems, how the nature of cultural expression changes as dominant economic forms change, whether cultural and economic values are really opposed, what the role of culture is in a 'new economy', and how governments seek to intervene in this area.

Semester 2

Research Methods Training Modules (5 credits)

Using Foucault's Methods

SOCI515

Michel Foucault's work has been influential in a wide range of disciplines. SOCI515 is a module that introduces students to the uses of Foucault's theory and method within the social sciences. The module is structured to provide an insight into the ways Foucault's technique and method have been taken up in sociology and applied to social research. Focusing on discourse as the cornerstone of Foucault's methods our aim is to reconsider the status of 'reality' in the social sciences.

Focus Groups

SOCI516

This module will help students design, plan and carry out focus group discussions, and will cover both the theory, ethics and practice of focus group research. Particular attention will be paid to the analysis of verbal and non-verbal interaction.

Critical Discourse Analysis

SOCI517

This 5 credit module is designed to introduce students to the theory and practice of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA). Students are introduced to a critical understanding of discourse, which in turn encourages the analysis of language use in relation to questions of power in society. The module seeks to enable students' engagement in such analyses, introducing them to appropriate methods and techniques, and providing them the opportunity to put these into practice.

Using Visual Methods

SOCI518

This module is organised around a review of the critical sociological literature on visual data and visual analysis. Drawing together existing research in this sub-field - which is growing rapidly in significance - the module focuses particularly on academic research that has sought to develop critical approaches to the production and deployment of visual data in specifically urban contexts.

Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

SOCI519

This module will provide students with an understanding of ethnomethodology and conversation analysis as radical approaches to the study of social practices grounded in work on and with interactional data. It will be of particular interest to students and researchers working across the social sciences and beyond with a specific interest in studying practice and interaction.

Participatory Action Research

SOCI520

This module gives you the opportunity to plan a Participatory Action Research (PAR) project in preparation for your dissertation. Students will be given the opportunity to do this through Interchange, a charity that links students to 3rd sector organisations working in social welfare, social policy or criminal justice contexts. Students will not be encouraged to undertake a PAR dissertation unless they have completed this module.

Ethnographic Studies of Science and Technology

SOCI521

The expanding fields of Science and Technology Studies have provided fertile ground for empirical research and conceptual debates within the social sciences. This module introduces the postgraduate student to the role of ethnographic research within this expanding field, looking at key scholars as well as theoretical, conceptual and empirical concerns. This module is an option for the Masters in Social Research Methods, and is also open for non-credited attendance to postgraduate students in the university.

Narrative Interviewing

SOCI524

Narrative Inquiry represents an innovation in social research methodologies. It has proven particularly important for advancing how social scientists seek to understand constructions of meaning, the role of memory and the importance of temporality and identity. This module will introduce the student to key theoretical and methodological principles in conducting narrative research focusing primarily on interviewing. This module is an option for the Masters in Social Research Methods, and is also open for non-credited attendance to all postgraduate students in the university.



Interviewing

SOCI526

This short, 5 Credit module on interviews, is suitable for postgraduate students from all disciplines who require a period of additional supported study and reflection before they design and conduct their own research. Drawing on the rich sociological literature, students will be introduced to theories of why and when to use interviews and have the opportunity to develop research questions and learn how to conduct interviews as well as how to approach the preparation, analysis and writing up of data. The module is delivered over 2 workshops, each lasting for 4 hours, which will combine some lecture material, with discussions of the literature and issues, and practical exercises on conducting interviews and data analysis.

Doing Ethical Research

SOCI527

This module will provide you with a good understanding of ethical principles underpinning formal ethical review (process) and the complexity of considerations that arise in the field (practice). The module will be delivered through a workshop that will provide the opportunity for student-led discussions on specific ethical issues related to your research. It will be assessed through a short critical review of an ethical issue(s).

Researching Private Companies

SOCI529

This module will develop an advanced set of skills using a range of hands-on techniques and tools that are used both in the academic world and in the policy/NGO world to analyse private companies and their social impact.

Using Freedom of Information Requests in Research

SOCI532

The module will introduce students to the process of applying for and using data obtained by Freedom of Information requests in the UK. It will provide a policy and historical context to the development of freedom of information and use this understanding to shape students strategies for obtaining such information.

Observation

SOCI533

This 5 credit module will introduce students to observation and help them explore how they may draw on observational methods in their own research.

Spacial Analysis

SOCI534

**subject to validation*

Surveys & Statistics

SOCI514

**subject to validation*

Innovative 5 credit modules have made the programme exciting methodologically as well as highly appropriate for the demands of the research environment in which these graduates will find themselves whether as employees or PhD students.

Associate Professor Shirley Tate,
External Examiner, University of
Leeds

Postgraduate Research Opportunities

Research culture

The Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology at the University of Liverpool encourages a dynamic and critically-focused approach to research.

Our research centres on the following themes:

- social justice
- health and wellbeing
- the life-course and welfare inclusion
- exclusion and urban life crime
- criminal justice and social control

Students will work closely with academic staff to develop their own interests within these themes.

For further information on postgraduate research in the School, including details of funding opportunities, guidance on writing a research proposal and profiles of current PhD students, visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/sociology-social-policy-and-criminology/postgraduate-research

Liverpool Doctoral College

The Liverpool Doctoral College (LDC) is the home for all doctoral training and development across the University.

We support all postgraduate researchers across the University to thrive in their doctoral programme with our dedicated team of esteemed supervisors, professional services staff and student peers ensuring our students succeed in their studies.

More general information relevant to all PhD students, including The PGR Development Programme can be found at www.liverpool.ac.uk/doctoral-college
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Staff Research Interests

Potential applicants, particularly those seeking to undertake PhD studies, are advised to check the website for staff research specialisms.

Dr Zoe Alker

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Research key words:

- Crime History
- Digital Humanities
- Imprisonment
- Youth Justice/ Juvenile Justice
- Policy
- Young Offenders

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Research key words:

- Creative Work
- Culture
- Cultural Policy
- Measurement
- Quantification
- Research Methods
- Urban Regeneration

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Research key words:

- Surveillance
- Urban Renaissance Projects
- State Formation and the Political Economy of Emotions

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Research key words:

- Life-Course Inequalities
- Ageing and Wellbeing
- Relationships Between Policy and Successful Ageing
- Sociology of Social Attitudes and Religion
- Prejudice and Racism

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Research key words:

- Community and Crime
- Convict Criminology
- Feminist Criminology
- Gender and Crime

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Research key words:

- Liverpool
- 'race' hate & asylum
- Islamophobia
- history of work & community of Kru seafarers

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Research key words:

- Comparative Criminology
- Desistence
- International Crime History
- Sentencing
- Longitudinal Patterns of Offending

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Research key words:

- Comparative Research
- Knowledge-Policy Relations
- Children's/Young People's Human Rights and Justice
- Juvenile/Youth Justice
- Penality
- Prisons

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Research key words:

- Communities and Crime
- Crime Prevention
- Community Safety
- Public Participation and Criminal Justice
- Urban Regeneration and Crime Control

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Research key words:

- Advocacy
- Social Marginalisation
- Consequences of Welfare Reform
- Social Work
- The voluntary sector
- Community-University Collaborations

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Research key words:

- Architecture
- Political-economy
- Culture
- Urban Studies
- Public Space

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Research key words:

- Digital Culture and Society
- Technology
- Popular Media
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- Cultural Political Economy

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Research key words:

- Politics
- Government and the State
- Ethnography and Ethnomethodology
- Language, Experience, Practice and Knowledge
- Methodology and Philosophy of the Social Sciences

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Research key words:

- Criminological Realism
- Critical Criminology
- Criminology of War
- Military Criminology/Sociology
- Victimology

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Research key words:

- Risk
- Regulation
- Power
- Security policy
- Terror and Counter-terrorism

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Research key words:

- Sociology of Class and Contemporary Formations of Working-Class Life
- Urban Sociology
- Cities
- Gentrification
- Evictions
- Urban Political Economy
- Hegemony

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Research key words:

- Sociological Approaches to Ageing
- Embodiment
- Health and Illness

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Research key words:

- Gender and Social Justice
- Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyles
- Arts and Health
- Smoking and Cigarettes
- Visual Methods and Focus Groups

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Research key words:



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Research key words:

- Criminal Justice Policy
- Democracy and Criminal Justice
- Police and Policing
- Public Confidence in Criminal Justice
- Public Criminology

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Research key words:

- Harm Reduction Policies
- Sociology of HIV
- Addiction Theory and Research
- Object Methodologies
- Gender and Sexuality

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Research key words:

- Criminology of war
- Gender and Crime
- Risk
- Resilience
- Terror and counter-terrorism
- Victimology

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Research key words:

- Crimes of the Powerful
- Corporate Crime
- Corruption
- Power



Our postgraduate programmes all offer fantastic opportunities for the development of strong research competencies. Whether studying for an MA or undertaking a PhD, you'll have the opportunity to re-visit foundational research issues and methods, as well as build upon your existing knowledge and develop new skills by undertaking specialised research methods training, all under the close guidance of experts in their fields. The department represents a hub of activity in this regard, with the courses we offer attracting students and researchers from across the UK and beyond.

Dr Andrew Kirton
Lecturer

Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology Research Centres

Research Units

Our research is organised under the following units:

- Publics and Practices
- International Criminological Research Unit

Our research engages with a range of issues all concerned with challenging social inequalities, underpinned by a strong commitment to critical social theory and novel methods of empirical research

Professor David Whyte

Publics and Practices

The Publics and Practices unit focuses on examining the social, economic, cultural, political and affective production of publics. Much of the research carried out by members of this group is addressed to the ways in which publics become a matter of political concern - to social scientists as well as to states, corporations, and others.

The aim of Publics and Practices is to explicate a sociology of practices through robust theoretical and empirical investigations. It draws most heavily from intellectual traditions in sociology and anthropology - with particular interests in science and technology studies/ analyses of material cultures - and our focus is underpinned by theoretically-informed and empirically-grounded studies.

www.liverpool.ac.uk/sociology-social-policy-and-criminology/research/research-clusters/publics-practices

International Criminological Research Unit

The International Criminological Research Unit (ICRU) encompasses a team of academic researchers in criminology, criminal justice, socio-legal studies and criminal law, and includes senior internationally-recognised leaders in their respected fields, mid-career and early career researchers and a vibrant community of post-graduate research students. The full-time academic and post-graduate research members of ICRU are accompanied by affiliated academic staff members and are supported by an International Reference Group (IRG) and a National Consultative Group (NCG).

www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/international-law-and-human-rights-unit



Admissions Information

The easiest way to make an application is to apply online. Go to www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying/online

If you are unable to apply online, please contact our Enquiries Team on +44 (0)151 794 5927 or via ask.liv.ac.uk.

All Applicants

In addition to the information required on the online application form, you will need to upload the following documents to the Admissions Team with your application:

- School or college transcripts/certificates
- University transcripts
- Degree certificates
- Evidence of English Language proficiency (EU and international applicants only)
- Personal statement
- Two references
- Proof of funding
- Research proposal (for PhD and MPhil applicants only).

NB: We would advise that photocopies and scanned documents are acceptable at application stage. However, originals will be required should your application be successful. Applicants should make sure they have included all materials with their application to avoid undue delays in the application process.

Acknowledgement of your Application

The Admissions Team will acknowledge receipt of your application and will pass it to the appropriate academic department(s) for consideration.

Applications from Students with Disabilities

We welcome applications from students with disabilities and consider them on the same academic grounds as those of other students. If you have a disability, medical condition and/ or support needs it is important that you inform the University so that you receive appropriate support. To discuss your situation or to obtain a copy of the University's booklet, "A guide to support and services for students with disabilities", please contact a member of the Disability Support Team on T: +44 (0)151 794 4714 / 6676 or at [E: disteam@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:disteam@liverpool.ac.uk)

Admissions Policy

Full details of the admissions procedures for taught programmes operated by individual departments may be found in the departmental Postgraduate Admissions Policies, which are available on the University's website www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate

Application Deadlines

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than July of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be allowed to complete this process. If you have any questions or doubts, please contact the department concerned or the Postgraduate Admissions Team: www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying/before

Admissions Team

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International Postgraduate Taught Applicants

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Representatives Overseas

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Finance and Funding

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