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Sociology, Social Policy
and Criminology
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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.

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

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 research across the social sciences.

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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 MPhils/ PhD programmes normally take between one and four years to complete.

Contacting Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology

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Research Programmes E: slsgwr@liverpool.ac.uk

www.liverpool.ac.uk/sociology-social-policy-and-criminology

Entry Requirements

For Millex 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 basis.

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.

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International Applicants

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

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 good is along with all our other skills, evidence of the importance of our interdisciplinary approach 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

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### Postgraduate Taught Programmes

#### 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, which offers valuable experience whether you're preparing for a career or looking to develop in your career.

**Semester 1**
- Core modules (15 credits): SOCIS20, Practical Action Research, Social Sciences, North West Doctoral Training Centre, which include SOCIS07, Health, Life course and Society, SOCIS15, Gender, the Body and Identity, SOCIS08, Gender and Crime, SOCIS20, The Risk Society, SOCIS27, Culture, Economy and Cities

**Semester 2**
- Optional modules (5 credits): SOCIS33, Special Analysis, SOCIS34, Surveys and Statistics, SOCIS15, Using Foucault’s Methods, SOCIS16, Focus Groups, SOCIS17, Critical Discourse Analysis, SOCIS18, Using Visual Methods, SOCIS19, Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis, SOCIS20, Participatory Action Research, SOCIS21, Ethnographic Studies of Science and Technology, SOCIS24, Narrative Interviewing, SOCIS26, Interviewing, SOCIS27, Doing Ethical Research, SOCIS29, Researching Private Companies, SOCIS32, Using Freedom of Information, Requests in Research, SOCIS33, 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): SOCIS51, The Politics and Practices of Social Research, SOCIS54, Philosophy of Social Science, SOCIS58, Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods

**Semester 2**

A 120 credit dissertation of up to 30,000 words completes the programme.

#### 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): SOCIS51, The Politics and Practices of Social Research, SOCIS54, Philosophy of Social Science, SOCIS58, Understanding Society Using Quantitative Methods

**Semester 2**

A 120 credit dissertation of up to 30,000 words completes the programme.
Programme Outline
We offer short 5 credit specialist research methods modules in the social sciences. These can be used to enhance a CPD programme enabling you to study alongside work. These allow you to gain credits which can be used to 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/images/events

Modules
Semester 1
The Politics and Practices of Social Research
SOC155
This module provides students with an introduction to the political 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. These are explored in relation to practical dilemmas and cases studies in social science research.

Philosophy of Social Science
SOC504
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
SOC508
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.
Postgraduate Research Opportunities

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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For further information on postgraduate research opportunities, please contact us:

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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.

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.

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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:

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

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

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- 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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Our research is organised under the following units:

- **Publics and Practices**
- **International Criminological Research Unit**

**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.

**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).

**Research 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**

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
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: datasteam@liverpool.ac.uk

Representatives Overseas

In some countries the University works with local representatives who can provide more information and help you with the application process. For further details, please visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/international

Finance and Funding

For details of fees and financial support, including scholarships and awards available, visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/finance

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

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International Students

Please note, it is a mandatory requirement for some postgraduate applicants who need Entry Clearance to study in the UK, to have an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate. It is your responsibility to check if this scheme applies to you. See www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying/ideas for more information.

International Postgraduate Taught Applicants

If you are an international student beginning a full-time postgraduate taught degree, you are required to pay a non-refundable tuition fee deposit. Once your deposit has been processed, you will be issued with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) as a priority. For more information visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/money-and-scholarships/fee-deposits

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