

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for postgraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for postgraduate programmes](#).

MA Research Methods (Politics, International Relations, Security) (L2KA07)

1. This programme is available at Durham City in a full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months) mode of study.
2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Empirical Research in Politics, International Relations and Security ~	SGIA40A30	30
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices across Social Science Research	SOCI59515	15
†Quantitative Methods and Analysis	SGIA49915	15
†Qualitative Methods and Analysis	SOCI58815	15
Dissertation ~	SGIA47960	60

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 15 credits from List A (or 30 credits if meeting criteria† in point 2 above):

List A		Credit value
Advanced Ethnographic Research	ANTH47115	15
Multilevel Modelling	MATH43515	15
Simulating Data in R *	ANTH47315	15
Systematic Review	EDUC46715	15
Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences	PSYC42315	15
Computational Social Science	SOCI44115	15
Participatory Action Research	SOCI43715	15

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List B or List C or List D:

List B (Politics Pathway)		Credit value
Core Concepts in Political Science ~	SGIA48030	30

List C (International Relations Pathway)		Credit value
International Relations Theory ~	SGIA49630	30
International Organisations	SGIA49430	30

List D (Security Pathway)		Credit value
Defence, Development and Diplomacy in Conflict: Evolving Actors, Factors and Paradigms ~	SGIA42515	15
Conflict Prevention and Sustainable Peace ~	SGIA42615	15
Peace Processes and Everyday Political Negotiation ~	SGIA42815	15
Consolidating Peace After Violence ~	SGIA43015	15

Assessment, progression and award

5. Candidates registered for the MA Research Methods who are in receipt of funding under the ESRC 1+3 scheme will be considered for subsequent registration for the degree of PhD subject to successful completion of the MA programme and the meeting of all other ESRC requirements.
6. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.
7. Modules marked with a * are not available during the 2021–22 academic year.
8. †Candidates with prior knowledge and understanding at the appropriate level may take an alternative 15 credit module from List A instead of EITHER (not both) modules marked†. If students do not take SGIA 49915 Quantitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be quantitative; if students do not take SOCI 58815 Qualitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be qualitative.