

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 Social Research Methods (L3KB07)**

1. Location: Durham City
2. Duration: Maximum of 12 months (full-time) or 24 months (part-time).

### **Programme structure**

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices across Social Research ~	<a href="#">SOCI59515</a>	15
Quantitative Methods and Analysis † ~	<a href="#">SGIA49915</a>	15
Computational Social Science ~	<a href="#">SOCI44115</a>	15
Qualitative Methods and Analysis † ~	<a href="#">SOCI58815</a>	15
Dissertation ~	<a href="#">SOCI45160</a>	60

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List A (or 45 credits if meeting criteria† in point 3 above):

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit Value</b>
Analysing Causal Relations in Social Science Research	<a href="#">SOCI45215</a>	15
Analysing Longitudinal Data *	<a href="#">SOCI45015</a>	15
Participatory Action Research	<a href="#">SOCI43715</a>	15
Advanced Ethnographic Research	<a href="#">ANTH47115</a>	15
Multilevel Modelling	<a href="#">MATH43515</a>	15
Simulating Data in R *	<a href="#">ANTH47315</a>	15
Systematic Review *	<a href="#">EDUC46715</a>	15
Health Informatics and Clinical Intelligence	<a href="#">SOCI59715</a>	15
Interdisciplinarity Methods for Decision Making	<a href="#">FSOC40315</a>	15

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one 30 credit module from List B:

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit Value</b>
Social Policy and Society	<a href="#">SOCI59630</a>	30
Public Sociology: Theory and Practice	<a href="#">SOCI54630</a>	30
Criminology: Theory and Critical Issues	<a href="#">SOCI40530</a>	30

### **Assessment, progression and award**

6. 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.
7. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.
8. Modules marked with \* are not available in 2025/2026.
9. †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 Research Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be qualitative.