Durham University
Postgraduate Modules Online
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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 (Behavioural Science) (C8K507)

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

Programme structure

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

		Credit value
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices Across Social Research	SOCI59515	15
Qualitative Methods and Analysis †	SOCI58815	15
Advanced Topics in Behavioural Science	PSYC41830	30
Quantitative Methods and Analysis †	SGIA49915	15
Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences	PSYC42315	15
Dissertation ~	PSYC50260	60

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the modules to the value of 30 credits from the optional modules in List A:

List A (Optional modules)		**Credit value**
Diversity and Inclusion in Practice *	PSYC42015	15
Power and Influence	PSYC42115	15
Behavioural Insights for Public Policy	PSYC41915	15

† List B (Alternative modules)		**Credit value**
Advanced Ethnographic Research	ANTH47115	15
Multilevel Modelling	MATH43515	15
Systematic Reviews *	EDUC46715	15
Computational Social Science	SOCI44115	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. If a candidate fails a module they may be given an opportunity to resit the relevant assessment(s) before the end of the academic year at a time to be determined by the Department.
7. Not all modules in LIST A or List B will necessarily be available in any one year.
8. Modules marked with * are not available in 2026-2027.
9. Modules marked with †: Candidates with prior knowledge and understanding at an appropriate level (e.g. advanced undergraduate or equivalent) may take an alternative 15 credits from list B instead of EITHER (not both) modules marked †. If students do not take SGIA49915 Quantitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be quantitative; if students do not take the module SOCI58815 Qualitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be qualitative.
10. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.