

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:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices Across Social Research	<a href="#">SOCI59515</a>	15
Qualitative Methods and Analysis †	<a href="#">SOCI58815</a>	15
Advanced Topics in Behavioural Science	<a href="#">PSYC41830</a>	30
Quantitative Methods and Analysis †	<a href="#">SGIA49915</a>	15
Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences	<a href="#">PSYC42315</a>	15
Dissertation ~	<a href="#">PSYC50260</a>	60

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

<b>List A (Optional modules)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Diversity and Inclusion in Practice*	<a href="#">PSYC42015</a>	15
Power and Influence	<a href="#">PSYC42115</a>	15
Behavioural Insights for Public Policy	<a href="#">PSYC41915</a>	15

<b>† List B (Alternative modules)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Advanced Ethnographic Research	<a href="#">ANTH47115</a>	15
Multilevel Modelling	<a href="#">MATH43515</a>	15
Systematic Review	<a href="#">EDUC46715</a>	15
Computational Social Science	<a href="#">SOCI44115</a>	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 SOC158815 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.