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 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:

		Credit value
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices across Social Research ~	SOCI59515	15
Quantitative Methods and Analysis † ~	SGIA49915	15
Computational Social Science ~	SOCI44115	15
Qualitative Methods and Analysis † ~	SOCI58815	15
Dissertation ~	SOCI45160	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):

List A:		**Credit Value**
Analysing Causal Relations in Social Science Research	SOCI45215	15
Analysing Longitudinal Data *	SOCI45015	15
Participatory Action Research	SOCI43715	15
Critical Perspectives in Data Science and AI	ANTH40A15	15
Advanced Ethnographic Research	ANTH47115	15
Multilevel Modelling	MATH43515	15
Systematic Reviews *	EDUC46715	15
Health Informatics and Clinical Intelligence	SOCI59715	15
Interdisciplinary Methods for Decision Making	FSOC40315	15

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

List B:		**Credit Value**
Social Policy and Society	SOCI59630	30
Public Sociology: Theory and Practice	SOCI54630	30
Criminology: Theory and Critical Issues	SOCI40530	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 2026-2027.

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.