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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.

Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods (L3KE14) [Final intake 2026-27]

1. Location: Durham City
2. Duration: 12 months (full-time) to 24 months (part-time).
3. Where PhD students take this programme alongside their doctoral study, students may study the modules for this certificate at the same time as their PhD as part of their planned programme of doctoral study.
4. This programme may also be taken independently of a PhD.

Programme structure

5. 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
† Qualitative Methods and Analysis	SOCI58815	15

4. 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 3 above):

List A		**Credit value**
Advanced Ethnographic Research	ANTH47115	15
Multilevel Modelling	MATH43515	15
Systematic Reviews *	EDUC46715	15
Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences	PSYC42315	15
Computational Social Science	SOCI44115	15
Participatory Action Research	SOCI43715	15
Analysing Causal Relations in Social Science Research	SOCI45215	15

Assessment, progression and award

5. † Candidates with prior knowledge and understanding at an appropriate level (e.g. advanced undergraduate or equivalent) may take an alternative 15 credits from list A 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 SOCI 58815 Qualitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be qualitative.
6. Modules marked with * are not available in 2026-27.