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 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (L3KG07)

1. Location: Durham City
2. Duration: 12 months (Full-time) and 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 Science Research	SOCI59515	15
† Qualitative Methods and Analysis	SOCI58815	15
† Quantitative Methods and Analysis	SGIA49915	15
Current Debates in Interdisciplinary Research	FSOC40115	15
Interdisciplinary Methods for Decision making	FSOC40315	15
Dissertation ~	FSOC40260	60

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to a minimum value of 45 credits from List A (or 60 credits if meeting criteria† in point 6 below):

List A^		**Credit value**
Systematic Reviews *	EDUC46715	15
Advanced Ethnographic Research	ANTH47115	15
Multilevel Modelling	MATH43515	15
Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences	PSYC42315	15
Participatory Action Research	SOCI43715	15
Experiments in Education *	EDUC59215	15
Computational Social Science	SOCI44115	15
Analysing Causal Relations in Social Science Research	SOCI45215	15
Critical Perspective in Data Science and AI	ANTH40A15	15

Assessment, progression and award

5. Candidates registered for the **MA Interdisciplinary 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. †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 SGIA 49915 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.
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.

^ Optional modules may vary from year to year based on the development of new modules, removal of previously taught modules, and/or teaching capacity.