

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 Review | 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 SOCI58815 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.
9. ^ Optional modules may vary from year to year based on the development of new modules, removal of previously taught modules, and/or teaching capacity.