

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 (L3KH14) [First intake 2027-28]**

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:

|                                                                     |                           | <b>Credit value</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices Across Social Research | <a href="#">SOCI59515</a> | 15                  |
| Quantitative Methods and Analysis †                                 | <a href="#">SGIA49915</a> | 15                  |
| Qualitative Methods and Analysis †                                  | <a href="#">SOCI58815</a> | 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):

| <b>List A</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                  |
| Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences | <a href="#">PSYC42315</a> | 15                  |
| Computational Social Science                                    | <a href="#">SOCI44115</a> | 15                  |
| Participatory Action Research                                   | <a href="#">SOCI43715</a> | 15                  |
| Analysing Causal Relations in Social Science Research           | <a href="#">SOCI45215</a> | 15                  |

### **Assessment, progression and award**

5. 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 A instead of EITHER (not both) modules marked with †. If students do not take [SGIA49915](#) 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.
6. Not all optional modules are available every year. Modules marked with \* are not available in 2027-28.