

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

STRATHCLYDE LAW SCHOOL

LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS AND METHODS

Master of Laws in Legal Research Skills and Methods

Master of Science in Legal Research Skills and Methods

Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Research Skills and Methods

Postgraduate Certificate in Legal Research Skills and Methods

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

1. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Duration of Study

2. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Mode of Study

3. This programme is available by full-time and part-time study.

Curriculum

4. All students on the attending pathway shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:
 - i. for the Postgraduate Certificate no fewer than 60 credits
 - ii. for the Postgraduate Diploma no fewer than 120 credits
 - iii. for the degree of LLM no fewer than 180 credits including a dissertation.

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2905	Quantitative Methods: Survey Methods	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
M8918	Engaging with Materials Used in Legal Research	5	20
L5981*	Perspectives on Social Research	5	20

* Scottish Graduate School for Social Sciences (SGSSS) funded students are required to take HF905 Becoming a confident Social Science Researcher, 20 credits, in place of L5981.

And one of the following dissertation modules:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
M9863	Dissertation (for LLM students)	5	60
Or			
M9812	Dissertation (for MSc students)	5	60

Optional Modules

Students must take 40 credits from the list of modules below:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
M8917	Researching Law Using Doctrinal and Philosophical Approaches	5	20
M8916	Researching Law and Society	5	20
M8295	The Contexts of Criminal Justice Research	5	20
M8926	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	5	20

Progress

5. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
6. Part time students for the degree of LLM or Postgraduate Diploma shall normally require 40 credits to progress to year two.

Award

7. **Degree of LLM:** In order to qualify for the award of LLM in Legal Research Skills and Methods, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits of which 60 must have been awarded in respect of the dissertation M9863.
8. **MSc:** In order to qualify for the award of MSc in Legal Research Skills and Methods, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits of which 60 must have been awarded in respect of the dissertation M9812.
9. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Research Skills and Methods, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits.
10. **Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of Postgraduate Certificate in Legal Research Skills and Methods, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits.