

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY

SOCIAL POLICY (RESEARCH METHODS)

Master of Science in Social Policy (Research Methods)

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy (Research Methods)

Postgraduate Certificate in Social Policy (Research 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. The programmes are available by full-time and part-time study.

Curriculum

4. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L5981***	Perspectives on Social Research	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
L5976	Welfare Concepts and Ideas	5	20
L8925	Comparative Social Policy & Welfare Systems	5	20
And either			
L2905*	Quantitative Methods: Survey Methods	5	20
Or			
L8918**	Quantitative Methods: Survey Methods	5	20

*Semester 1

**Semester 2

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

Optional Modules

No fewer than 20 credits chosen from the approved option list below:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
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L5974*	Advanced Project	5	20
Or			
L5990**	Advanced Project	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L5988	The Contexts of Criminal Justice Research	5	20
L5987	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	5	20
L8928	Inequalities and Social Policy	5	20
L8914	Prisons, Power and Punishment	5	20
L8924	Health Policy from an International Perspective	5	20

Or another module approved by the Programme Director.

*Semester 1

**Semester 2

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year. Please check your programme handbook for confirmation of which optional modules will run.

Students for the degree of MSc only:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L5980	Dissertation in Social Policy	5	60

Progress

- See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
- The final award will be based on performance in the assessments, coursework, and the dissertation where undertaken.

Award

- Degree of MSc:** In order to qualify for the award of the degree of MSc in Social Policy (Research Methods), a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits at Level 5, of which 60 must have been awarded in respect of the Dissertation L5980.
- Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy (Research Methods), a student must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the taught modules of the programme.
- Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of Postgraduate Certificate in Social Policy (Research Methods), a student must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the taught modules of the programme.