

**SOCIAL SCIENCE (JANUARY START) (MRes/PgDip in Research Methods (Social Science)/PgCert in Research Methods (Social Science))**

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**Duration:**

12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MRes); 9 months full-time or 18 months part-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time or 8 months part-time (PgCert).

**Overview:**

This programme provides advanced training in social research methods. It equips students with the skills and practical experience needed to conduct independent social research. The programme addresses a broad range of research methodologies, but also enable students to develop intellectual and practice skills related to their own area of social research. For students wishing to undertake a PhD in Politics, International Relations or Sociology, the programme provides the support and training needed to complete the first stages of doctoral research.

Content: Candidates shall be required to attend a programme of courses in general social science and subject specific areas:

**FULL TIME ROUTE**

Stage 1

PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)  
SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)

Stage 2

*EITHER*

PI5904 Dissertation in Political Research (60 credit points)

*OR*

SO5909 Dissertation in Social Research (60 credit points)

Stage 3 (MRes only)

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)

*EITHER*

PI5022 Theories and Issues in Political Science & International Relations (30 credit points)

*OR*

SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

**PART TIME ROUTE**

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. PD5506 must be taken in Year 1. PI5904 OR SO5909 must be taken in Year 2.

Stage 1 – January to August 2022

30 credit points from one of the following electives:

SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)

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Stages 2, 3 and 4 – September 2022 to August 2023

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)

30 credit points from the following list:

SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)

SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)

60 credit points from the following list:

PI5904 Dissertation in Political Research (60 credit points)

SO5909 Dissertation in Social Research (60 credit points)

Stage 5 – September to December 2023

30 credit points from the following list:

PI5022 Theories and Issues in Political Science & International Relations (30 credit points)

SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

*Assessment:* By in-course assessment, as prescribed for each course, and by submission of a dissertation. The degree of MRes shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS marks of D3 in PI5904 OR SO5909, irrespective of their performance in other courses.