

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (MRes/PgDip/PgCert)

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Purpose: The MRes Human Geography is a one year research degree which provides the opportunity for students to develop advanced social science research skills, laying the foundation to undertake advanced doctoral studies, and prepares students for graduate employment in the public, private and third sector. The MRes Human Geography is recognised by the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science as providing core training as set out in the Economic and Social Research Council's Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines.

Qualifications for entry: A minimum of 2.2 or above, or equivalent in Geography or another cognate discipline (such as Sociology, Anthropology, Planning). Prospective students must also gain approval for a short research proposal prior to their acceptance on this programme.

Duration: 12 months full-time (MRes); 9 months full-time (PgDip).

Content: Candidates shall be required to attend the following designated programme of courses:

Stage 1 and Stage 2

All students must take the following:

- PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
- GG5073 Approaches in Human Geography (15 credit points)
- GG5574 Becoming a Researcher (15 credit points)
- GG5575 Research Design and Project Development in Human Geography (15 credit points)
- SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)
- SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credits)

Plus one of the following courses:

- GG5056 Contemporary Environmental Challenges (15 credits)
- GG5065 Introduction to GIS Tools, Techniques, Cartography and Geovisualisation (15 credit points)
- GG5069 WebGIS and Online Mapping (15 credit points)
- GG5071 Rural and Environmental Policy and Law (15 credit points)
- GG5072 Sustainability Transitions - Challenges and Opportunities (15 credit points)

Stage 3

- GG5505 Dissertation in Human Geography (60 credit points)

Assessment: By course work, by written examination or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course, and by submission of a dissertation. Students who do not achieve progression to Stage 3 will be considered for the award of a Diploma of Research in Human Geography if they have obtained the appropriate number of credits for that award. Diploma students will not be admitted to the PhD programme.