

## **SOCIAL RESEARCH (JANUARY START) (MRes/PgDip/PgCert)**

**91L30JH9/92L30JVX/93L30JVZ**

*Duration:* 12 months full-time; 24 months part-time; 9 months full-time (PgDip); 4 months full-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 enables students to develop intellectual and practice skills related to their own areas of social research. For students wishing to undertake a PhD in Sociology, the programme provides the support and training needed to complete the first stages of doctoral research.

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

### **FULL TIME ROUTE**

#### Stage 1

SO5523 Quantitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)  
SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)

#### Stage 2

SO5909 Dissertation in Social Research (60 credit points)

#### Stage 3

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

### **PART TIME ROUTE**

#### Year 1

Students will select one course from the following:

SO5523 Quantitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)  
SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)

#### Year 2

All students must take the following:

SO5909 Dissertation in Social Research (60 credit points)

Students must take one course from the following.

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Students will select one course from the following. Courses taken in previous years cannot be taken again :

SO5523 Quantitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)  
SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)

#### Year 3

Students must take one course from the following. Course already taken in Year 2 cannot be taken again:

SL5011 Qualitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)  
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

*Assessment:* Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Students can obtain a Postgraduate Certificate on satisfactory completion of 60 credit points, or a Diploma in Sociology should they exit with 120 credit points passed successfully. The MRes in Social Research requires the student to pass the dissertation and the four courses. The degree of MSc shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS grade of D3 or above in the Dissertation (SO5909), irrespective of their performance in other courses.