

**POLITICAL RESEARCH (SEPTEMBER START) (MRes/PgDip in Research Methods (Political Research)/PgCert in Research Methods (Social Research)) 91M10UH9/92M10UVX/93L30UVZ**

*Duration:* 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MRes).

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

**FULL TIME ROUTE**

Stage 1

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
PI5022 Theories and Issues in Political Science and International Relations (30 credit points)

Stage 2

SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)  
PI5516 Research Design, Data and Presentation (30 credit points)

Stage 3 (MRes only)

PI5904 Dissertation in Political Research (60 credit points)

**PART TIME ROUTE**

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. PI5904 must be taken in Year 2. The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

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PI5022 Theories and Issues in Political Science and International Relations (30 credit points)  
SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)  
PI5516 Research Design, Data and Presentation (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 mark of D3 in PI5904, irrespective of their performance in other courses.