MA METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

Canterbury
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The programme provides advanced conceptual and practical skills in designing, analysing and presenting social research.

Reasons to choose this programme

- It is based in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), which was ranked 2nd in the UK for research power in the Research Excellence Framework 2014.
- It is a multidisciplinary programme, giving you the opportunity to study a range of modules covering the conceptual, practical and ethical aspects of research.
- SSPSSR is a large and vibrant academic centre of expertise where you are taught by research active academics.
- The programme has Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) recognition for 1+3 studentships for those hoping to progress to a PhD in the field of social sciences.

Skills development

This programme provides the research skills necessary for candidates looking to apply for the ESRC 1+3 funded pathways.

Compulsory modules

Critical Social Research: Truth Ethics and Power

This module focuses on the relationship between theory, policy and practice, and equips you to make ethical judgements at all stages of the research process and enables you to critically use concepts such as evidence, policy and impact in social research.

Design of Social Research

Through this module, you acquire the skills and understanding to develop research ideas into coherent and comprehensive research proposals based on a quantitative or qualitative design.

Quantitative Data Analysis

In this module, you are introduced to the use of statistical analysis within the research process, including types of measurement, data entry, research hypotheses, and the presentation of research findings.

Qualitative Research

This module teaches you the theory and practice of qualitative research, including giving you direct experience of qualitative interviewing and ethnography.

Programme director

Dr Dawn Lyon

Dr Lyon has published in the fields of the sociology of work, gender, migration, community, and visual and sensory sociology. She is currently researching the sensory and embodied labour of fish merchants, and young people’s imagined futures.

How to apply

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“The lecturers teaching the modules in social research are highly engaged and competent in their research areas and very committed to teaching. The outstanding results in the Research Excellence Framework reflect this high level of academic excellence.”

Eva Kleinert
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