

Programme Specification

Title of programme: MSc in Social Research Methods 2019-20

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

Awarding Institution	University of Southampton
Teaching Institution	University of Southampton University of Brighton University of Portsmouth
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration in years	1 year following standard progression for a full-time student
Accreditation details	N/A
Final award	Master of Science (MSc)
Name of award	Social Research Methods
Interim Exit awards	Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education
FHEQ level of final award	7
UCAS code	N/A
QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference	Economic and Social Research Council Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines
Programme Lead	Deputy Director (Training) of the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership

Programme Overview

The Masters in Social Research Methods is designed to equip students within the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (www.southcoastdtp.ac.uk) with the tools and methodological expertise required for independent PhD study. It has been designed with close reference to the Economic and Social Research Council's Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines Second Edition 2015 (available at <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/skills-and-careers/studentships/postgraduate-training-and-development-guidelines-2015/>).

Brief outline of the programme

The Masters in Social Research Methods (MSRM) has been developed to provide training on a wide range of research methodologies, coupled with subject specific teaching. The programme is designed to make sure that you will have the skills, curiosity and creativity to be truly innovative when conducting research within the broad remit of the social sciences. The programme has interdisciplinarity running through its core, ensuring that after graduation you will be able to work in interdisciplinary teams and to communicate research ideas and findings clearly to a range of audiences. It will enable the next generation of social scientists to undertake high-quality analytical work, handle and understand different forms of data and collaborate with others.

Modules that will be taken during the programme cover three main areas. You will have the opportunity to study modules on research strategy and methodology, including philosophy of social science research,

research and survey design, and qualitative and quantitative methods. These are balanced by subject specific modules that are related to your future PhD research subject area. Finally, you will undertake an interdisciplinary module that will ensure that you understand different strategies and ways to conduct research within your broad research area.

Most students will be able to choose modules that will aid in their future research plans from across all partner universities. There is flexibility for you to choose modules to suit your needs in conjunction with your prospective PhD supervisors that will prepare you for your PhD research.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

Learning and teaching

The programme will use a variety of teaching and learning methods. These will include lectures that are audio-recorded and streamed online, student-led seminars, computer workshops, library sessions, supervised independent research and independent study. Module sessions may range from large lectures to small-group seminars and workshops, which provide excellent opportunities for discussion. You will be expected to prepare oral presentations and to lead discussions, thereby developing your skills in written and oral presentation. Occasionally module content may be delivered outside of the university campuses and involve visits to non-academic partners or fieldwork activities.

All modules will be audio-recorded and, where possible, streamed online via a web portal, allowing learning to take place remotely. For 2018-19, small group tutorials will occur at Southampton, organised to ensure accessibility for all students from both Portsmouth and Southampton. The University of Brighton will be running their own standalone SCDTP Masters and will not be attending this Masters. However the option to do this is still listed in this document.

All programme modules have their own site on Blackboard, and all students are able to access materials (lecture slides and recordings of live lectures, coursework details, references and module updates) to supplement their classroom taught lectures. Modules at Portsmouth will have this information on their local learning sites (Moodle), with restricted information on Southampton's Blackboard site.

Each module within the programme has learning and teaching methods that have been designed to ensure that the learning outcomes of that module will be achieved.

Assessment

You will experience a range of assessment methods throughout the programme. These will include a combination of traditional and more innovative assessment methods, including written coursework (e.g. essays, examinations book reviews, blogs and policy briefs), problem sets, practical exercises, and oral presentations. These are all designed to enhance your skills and prepare you for PhD research.

Special Features of the programme

The Masters programme is based in Southampton, but is part of the South Coast Doctoral Training Programme, between the Universities of Southampton, Brighton and Portsmouth. Some modules will take place across all three universities and there may be the possibility to choose modules in any of the partner universities (where available and applicable – please discuss with the programme director). Hence you will be expected to travel between sites on occasion, experiencing the best teaching in all locations.

Please note: As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a

student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's programme [validation process](#) which is described in the University's Quality handbook.

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aims of the Social Research Methods programme are to train you in a wide range of research methodologies to prepare you for PhD study. This will be aligned with specific subject specific knowledge, taken from one of sixteen subject areas that are part of the South Coast Doctoral Training Programme, so that you have both methodology and subject specific knowledge and understanding.

The aims of the Masters in Social Research Methods are to:

- Enable you to define your PhD research topic within the social sciences and critically defend this approach in a written proposal.
- Provide you with the requisite skills for carrying out in-depth research within social science disciplines.
- Provide you with broad training in social science methodology, including both qualitative and quantitative methods, research design and the philosophy of social science.
- Ensure that you have covered the key debates and issues within the subject area that you will be studying for your PhD.
- Develop skills to enable you to work within an interdisciplinary research environment.
- Develop skills in critical and evaluative thinking.
- Enable you to develop transferrable skills through oral and written coursework and exams.
- Support you in becoming an independent researcher.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

This programme will give you the ability to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a range of research methodologies across the social sciences, as well as detailed subject specific knowledge and understanding through an interdisciplinary perspective. Specifically, having successfully completed this programme you will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. The principles of research design and strategy, and the choice of research method.
- A2. The dominant traditions in the philosophy of social science and how these have shaped substantive research within the social sciences.
- A3. The advantages and disadvantages of the main data collection techniques used in the social sciences.
- A4. Principles of scientific method and the impact of measurement, collection and analysis strategies on the reliability, validity and generalisability of research outputs.
- A5. A range of quantitative data analysis techniques used both within and outside of your research area.

- A6. A range of qualitative data collection and analysis methodologies used both within and outside of your research area.
- A7. The key debates within your topic area from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- A8. The key theoretical and conceptual approaches within your specific subject area.
- A9. An individual research topic.†

Specific learning outcomes for each subject area are shown within the subject-specific compulsory module outlines.

Teaching and Learning Methods

A range of teaching and learning methods will be used. Lectures perform a central role within teaching (A1 to A8), alongside tutorials (A1 to A4), seminars (A4 to A8), group work (A7) and computer workshops (A5). You will also be supervised in one to one sessions (A9). Independent study is expected to support learning throughout the programme. Sessions with non-academic experts will broaden the understanding of social research in action.

Assessment methods

A range of assessment methods will be employed throughout. These include coursework (A1 to A8) and a dissertation (A9). A range of types of coursework may be employed to assess learning outcome A7, while depending on the subject pathway chosen there may be examinations (A8).

† This skill is not developed fully for PGCert or PGDip students

Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills

Having successfully completed this programme you will be able to:

- B1. Identify appropriate methods of research design and data analysis.
- B2. Apply methods for research design and data collection, including those based on the survey method.
- B3. Select and apply appropriate quantitative and qualitative techniques to analyse social science issues.
- B4. Critically evaluate key academic debates within your subject area.
- B5. Understand and appreciate how an interdisciplinary perspective can enhance research within your subject area.
- B6. Identify and solve problems within the broad area of the social sciences.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Lectures (B1 to B5), computer workshops (B3 to B5), tutorials (B1 to B3) and seminars (B1), supervised research (B3 and B6). Independent study is expected to support learning throughout the programme.

Assessment methods

This will mainly be assessed through coursework (B1 to B6) and dissertation (B1, B3, B6).

Transferable and Generic Skills

Having successfully completed this programme you will be able to:

- C1. Communicate complex ideas to a wide range of audiences in a sophisticated manner appropriate to graduate level study.
- C2. Effectively communicate information through written reports, presentations and posters.
- C3. Think critically about new and unfamiliar ideas and concepts.
- C4. Apply a range of qualitative and quantitative research techniques.
- C5. Identify and use library and bibliographic resources relevant to your work.
- C6. Manage time and resources in an individual research project. †

C7. Understand how best to generate impact research.

C8. Work and research independently, including personal initiative, critical reflection and self-management.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Lectures (C1 to C4), tutorials (C1 to C5 and C7) and seminars (C1 to C5), as well as supervised research (C6 and C7). Independent study is expected to support learning throughout the programme.

Assessment methods

This will mainly be assessed through coursework (C1 to C5 and C7) and dissertation (C5 to C7).

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Programme Structure

The Masters in Social Research Methods has an overarching structure, within which there are 19 pathways. Students will be placed on one of these pathways, depending on the subject area of the student and where the student will be based for their PhD study within the SCDTP. This will be agreed during selection into the SCDTP between yourself, your supervisors and the SCDTP management group. The pathways are all based in Southampton only, apart from where noted below:

1. **Area Studies (with their PhD research to be conducted in Portsmouth)**
2. **Criminology**
3. **Demography**
4. **Economic and Social History**
5. **Economics**
6. **Education**
7. **Gerontology**
8. **Human Geography**
9. **Linguistics**
10. **Management (with their PhD research to be conducted in Southampton)**
11. **Management (with their PhD research to be conducted in Brighton): this pathway will not be running in 2018/19**
12. **Politics and International Relations**
13. **Psychology (with their PhD research to be conducted in Southampton)**
14. **Psychology (with their PhD research to be conducted in Portsmouth)**
15. **Social Policy (with their PhD research to be conducted in Southampton)**
16. **Social Policy (with their PhD research to be conducted in Brighton): this pathway will not be running in 2018/19**
17. **Health Research**
18. **Social Statistics**
19. **Sociology**

Within each pathway there are three types of module, relating to a different aspect of training:

- A. Research methods training**
- B. Interdisciplinary training**
- C. Subject specific training, including the dissertation.**

Although there is a general structure to the programme, there are exceptions to this that will be detailed within each pathway below.

The year is divided into two semesters, each of 12 teaching weeks. In the week before the first semester begins you will meet with your potential PhD supervisors to conduct a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) which will inform your choice of modules over the year. The programme of study consists of a combination of compulsory and option modules and a dissertation, to be completed over the summer months. Each module is worth 5 or 10 ECTS (10 or 20 CATS) points, and a total of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) points are required to complete the taught component of the programme. Exceptionally, there are some modules in particular subject areas that are worth 3.75 or 7.5 ECTS (7.5 or 15 CATS).

In addition to the compulsory modules, research method option modules and thematic cluster pathway modules, students will also have the ability to choose subject specific masters level modules from across all the institutions, based on the TNA, as outlined below in the Programme Structure. These modules will be selected based on the requirements for the proposed PhD research and within the constraints of timetabling and availability. Information about pre- and co-requisites is included in individual module profiles.

Programme details

The structure of each of the pathways within the programme and the modules currently offered are set out below. Of the modules shown against each year of your programme, some are compulsory (i.e. enrolment is automatic) and others can be taken as options. The option modules listed within each pathway constitute an indicative list. There will always be choice but the options might vary each year, depending on curriculum planning and staff availability. A complete list of option modules currently available on your programme can be found via the Banner Self-Service system (https://studentrecords.soton.ac.uk/BNNRPROD/bwkkspgr.showpage?page=ESC_PROGCAT_FINDPR).

The programme is normally studied over 12 months full-time. The taught component of the programme consists of 30 study weeks divided into two semesters during which time students study up to 12 modules up to a value of 60 ECTS/ 120 CATS. Following the taught component, students undertake a three-month period of supervised research for a Master's dissertation at a value of 30 ECTS/ 60 CATS.

Progression Requirements

The programme will follow the University's regulations for *Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes* or the University's regulations for *Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Standalone Masters Programmes* as set out in the General Academic Regulations in the University Calendar:

<http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/sectIV-index.html>

This includes modules taught and convened at the Universities of Brighton and Portsmouth for those registered on the Masters in Social Research Methods.

The MSRM is a Masters for only those who are funded on a 1+3 award by the South Coast Doctoral Training Programme. In order to progress onto the +3 part of the award to study for a PhD you will have to attain a mean mark for the taught part of the MSRM programme of 60 or above. This will be calculated after any

referrals or supplementary assessments have occurred, following the regulations as noted in the University Calendar, noted above. If you do have to take an assessment during the referral period this may delay your entry onto the PhD programme, with a resultant pause in your SCDTP funding. Continued funding of the PhD is dependent on the successful completion of the MSRM, including the dissertation.

Intermediate exit points

You will be eligible for an interim exit award if you complete part of the programme but not all of it, as follows:

Qualification	Minimum overall credit in ECTS	Minimum ECTS required at level of award
Postgraduate Diploma	at least 60	45
Postgraduate Certificate	at least 30	20

The general structure (although there are some exceptions detailed below) consists of 5 compulsory basic research methods modules (RESM6001, RESM6002, RESM6003, RESM6004 and RESM6005). These modules are worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS each and have a total value of 25 ECTS/ 50 CATS. There is also a choice of at least one module out of three intermediate research methods modules, RESM6006, RESM6007 and RESM6305 (5 ECTS/10 CATS each).

You will take one out of five interdisciplinary modules. The module that you will take will be based on the SCDTP Thematic Cluster Pathway (TCP) that you were selected onto within the SCDTP. Each of these modules is worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS.

The remaining modules will be related to the subject that is being studied. Most pathways have some compulsory modules which will ensure you are prepared for your PhD, detailed in each of the pathways noted below. Remaining modules will be taken as options, based around your training needs analysis and depending on the number of ECTS/ CATS remaining.

You will also write a dissertation over the summer based within the subject area that you are studying. This will be on a subject agreed between yourself and your supervisors and is likely to be related to your proposed PhD research topic. This is worth 30 ECTS/ 60 CATS.

A description of each of the pathways is below. To complement this there is a diagrammatic representation of each pathway in Appendix 2, which should be studied with reference to the descriptions explained here.

1. Area Studies

If you are conducting your PhD within Area Studies at the University of Portsmouth you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules. These are RESM6024 Concepts and Methodologies for Area Studies (10 ECTS/ 20 CATS) and RESM6025 Area Studies: Research Techniques and Data Sources (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS). These will be taught at the University of Portsmouth.

You will select option modules up to a value of 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Area Studies masters dissertation module (RESM6019). Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Portsmouth, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6025	Area Studies: Research Techniques and Data Sources	5	Compulsory
RESM6024	Concepts and Methodologies for Area Studies	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6019	Area Studies Dissertation (Portsmouth)	30	Compulsory

2. Criminology

If you are conducting your PhD within Criminology at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are CRIM6001 Criminal Justice and CRIM6003 Criminal Behaviour. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select one option module, worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Criminology masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
CRIM6003	Criminal Behaviour	10	Compulsory
CRIM6001	Criminal Justice	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option

RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
CRIM6006	Dissertation (Crim)	30	Compulsory

3. Demography

If you are conducting your PhD within Demography at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005). You will also take Quantitative Methods 2 (RESM6007) as a compulsory module. The remaining two intermediate research methods modules can be taken as option modules (RESM6006 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are three subject area compulsory modules, each worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS. These are DEMO6020 Demographic Methods 1, DEMO6021 Understanding Population Change and DEMO6022 Demographic Methods 2. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to a value of 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Demography masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Intermediate research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
DEMO6020	Demographic Methods 1	5	Compulsory
DEMO6022	Demographic Methods 2	5	Compulsory
DEMO6021	Understanding Population Change	5	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose 0 to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
DEMO6008	Project/Dissertation	30	Compulsory

4. Economic and Social History

If the topic of your PhD is Economic and Social History then you may be in a variety of different departments across the University of Southampton. If this is the topic of your PhD then you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are no compulsory subject area modules, with all subject modules taken as option modules. You will therefore take 25 ECTS/ 50 CATS of option modules within the Masters programme. These option modules will be selected based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the masters dissertation module that is most appropriate to your topic (i.e. this may be Economics, Demography or History). Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 25 ECTS/ 50 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment. (Unless you are taking HIST6092 in Part 2 in which case up to 17.5 ECTS/ 35 CATS worth will be chosen.)

Part 2

You will be enrolled on one the masters dissertation modules below that is most appropriate to your topic.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON6020	Dissertation	30	Compulsory
HIST6092	History Dissertation	37.5	Compulsory
DEMO6008	Project/Dissertation	30	Compulsory

5. Economics

If you are conducting your PhD within Economics at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section. There are a number of changes to the standard Masters programme detailed above.

You will take three standard basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6003). In addition to this you will take ECON6004 Quantitative Methods. These modules total 25 ECTS/ 50 CATS.

There are two compulsory intermediate level research methods modules. These are ECON6021 Microeconomics and ECON6023 Macroeconomics. These are 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS each.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are no subject area compulsory modules for the pathway, but you must take at least 10 ECTS/20 CATS of modules from Economics (those modules with an ECON prefix), taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to the value of 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis. These can be from those offered by the Economics department or from elsewhere within the SCDTP.

You will be enrolled in the Economics masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
ECON6004	Quantitative Methods	10	Compulsory

Subject area modules

You must choose 10 ECTS worth of modules from Economics modules at NQF Level 7 (ECON6XXX).

Intermediate research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON6023	Macroeconomics	5	Compulsory
ECON6021	Microeconomics	5	Compulsory

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON6020	Dissertation	30	Compulsory

6. Education

If you are conducting your PhD within Education at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There is one subject area compulsory module, worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. This is EDUC6353, Understanding Education Research. This will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to the value of 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Education masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
EDUC6353	Understanding Education Research	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
EDUC6342	Education Dissertation	30	Compulsory

7. Gerontology

If you are conducting your PhD within Gerontology at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are GERO6017 Methods for Researching Ageing Societies, and GERO6018 Perspectives in Gerontology. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to the value of 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Gerontology masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GERO6018	Perspectives in Gerontology	10	Compulsory
GERO6017	Researching Ageing Societies	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GERO6009	Gerontology Dissertation	30	Compulsory

8. Human Geography

If you are conducting your PhD within Human Geography at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005). You will also take Mixed Methods (RESM6305) as a compulsory module. The remaining two intermediate research methods modules can be taken as option modules (RESM6006 or RESM6007). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There is one subject area compulsory module, worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. This is GEOG6110, Frontiers in Human Geography. This will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to a value of 15 ECTS/ 20 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Human Geography masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
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RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Intermediate research methods module

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Compulsory

Subject area module

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GEOG6110	Frontiers of Human Geography	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose 0 to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GEOG6036	Research Project	30	Compulsory

9. Linguistics

If you are conducting your PhD within Linguistics at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There is one subject area compulsory modules worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS. This is LING6059 Research and Enquiry in Applied Linguistics. You will also take one out the following two modules, again worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS. These modules are LING6046 Second Language Learning or LING6045 Language and Society. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules worth 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Modern Languages masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING6059	Research and Enquiry in Applied Linguistics	5	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option

Subject area option modules

You must choose either LING6045 or LING6046. You may not take both. In addition, options from across the University are available and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING6045	Language in Society	5	Compulsory
LING6046	Second Language Learning	5	Compulsory

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING6015	Dissertation (ALRM)	30	Compulsory

10. Management (Southampton)

If you are conducting your PhD within Management at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules. These are MANG6178 Contemporary Issues in Human Resource Management and MANG6240, Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select one option module, worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Management masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
MANG6178	Contemporary issues and debates in Human Resource Management	7.5	Compulsory
MANG6240	Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	7.5	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option

RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
MANG6095	Dissertation	30	Compulsory

11. Management (Brighton) – This will not be running in 2018/19

If you are conducting your PhD within Management at the University of Brighton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are RESM6026, Managing New Forms of Innovation and RESM6027, Political and Institutional Perspectives on Change Management. These will be taught at the University of Brighton.

You will select one option module, worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Brighton MSRM dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Brighton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory

RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6026	Managing New Forms of Innovation	10	Compulsory
RESM6027	Political and Institutional Perspectives on Change Management	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6021	Dissertation (Brighton)	30	Compulsory

12. Politics and International Relations

If you are conducting your PhD within Politics and International Relations at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

You have the choice of one out of two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are PAIR6001 International Relations Theories or PAIR6010, Governance and Policy. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Politics and International Relations masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Option

Choose one module

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PAIR6010	Governance and Policy	10	Option
PAIR6001	International Relations Theories	10	Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PAIR6008	MSc Dissertation in Politics and International Relations	30	Compulsory

13. Psychology (Southampton)

If you are conducting your PhD within Psychology at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section. There are some alterations from the standard Masters programme outlined above.

You will take four of the standard basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6003 and RESM6005). A final basic level research methods module is RESM6001, Correlational Methods, which has been designed for Psychology students.

The intermediate research methods modules are available as option modules, and there is no requirement to select any of these, although it is encouraged. The modules available here are RESM6006, Qualitative Methods 2, RESM6305, Mixed Methods and RESM6010, Group Comparisons. These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are PSYC6046, Advanced Statistics in Psychology and PSYC6109, Concepts and Skills. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Psychology masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6011	Applied Research Methods (AMR): Correlational Methods	5	Compulsory
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PSYC6046	Advanced Statistical Methods in Psychology	10	Compulsory
PSYC6109	Concepts & Skills	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose 0 to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of the modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6010	Applied Research Methods: Statistical Analysis of Comparisons & Group Differences	5	Option
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PSYC6022	MSc Dissertation	30	Compulsory

14. Psychology (Portsmouth)

If you are conducting your PhD within Psychology at the University of Portsmouth you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section. There are some alterations from the standard Masters programme outlined above. This pathway closely replicates the pathway for Psychology students who will be based at the University of Southampton.

You will take four of the standard basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6003 and RESM6005). A final basic level research methods module is RESM6001, Correlational Methods, which has been designed for Psychology students.

The intermediate research methods modules are available as option modules, and there is no requirement to select any of these, although it is encouraged. The modules available here are RESM6006, Qualitative Methods 2, RESM6305, Mixed Methods and RESM6010, Group Comparisons. These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are PSYC6046, Advanced Statistics in Psychology and PSYC6109, Concepts and Skills. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Portsmouth Psychology masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6011	Applied Research Methods (AMR): Correlational Methods	5	Compulsory
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PSYC6046	Advanced Statistics in Psychology	10	Compulsory
PSYC6109	Concepts and Skills	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose 0 to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6010	Applied Research Methods: Statistical Analysis of Comparisons & Group Differences	5	Option
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6020	Psychology Dissertation (Portsmouth)	30	Compulsory

15. Social Policy (Southampton)

If you are conducting your PhD within Social Policy at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are SOCI6046 International Social Policy and SOCI6047 International Social Welfare. These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select one option module, worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Sociology and Social Policy masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
SOCI6046	International Social Policy	10	Compulsory
SOCI6047	International Social Welfare	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
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RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6014	Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
SOCI6010	Dissertation	30	Compulsory

16. Social Policy (Brighton) – This will not be running in 2018/19

If you are conducting your PhD within Social Policy at the University of Brighton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules. The first is RESM6023, Public Administration and Policy Analysis, worth 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS. The second is RESM6022, Management in the Public and Voluntary Sectors, worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These will be taught at the University of Brighton.

You will select one option module, worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Brighton Social Policy masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Brighton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory

RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6022	Managing in the public and voluntary sectors	10	Compulsory
RESM6023	Public Administration and Policy Analysis	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/10 CATS and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6014	Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6021	Dissertation (Brighton)	30	Compulsory

17. Health Research

If you are conducting your PhD within Social Science Methods for Health Research at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005), plus both RESM6006 and RESM6007, intermediate level modules. The final intermediate module, RESM6305 is available as an option module. These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

You have one subject area compulsory modules, HLTH6116, Developing Research Skills (Health Research), worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. This will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select option modules up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Health Sciences masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
HLTH6116	Developing Research Skills	10	Compulsory

Intermediate research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Compulsory
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option module

Choose 0 to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
HLTH6059	MSc Dissertation	30	Compulsory

18. Social Statistics

If you are conducting your PhD within Social Statistics at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take the basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6003 and RESM6005). There will be a choice, depending on your Training Needs Analysis, of taking either RESM6004 and RESM6007 (Quantitative Methods 1 and 2) or STAT6083, Generalised Linear Models.

The remaining intermediate research methods modules, RESM6006 and RESM6305, are available as options. These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

You have two subject area compulsory modules. All students will take STAT6108, Analysis of Hierarchical Data (Multilevel and Longitudinal Analysis). There is a choice of the second compulsory module, again decided through the Training Needs Analysis. You will either take STAT6077, Key Topics in Social Science: Measurement and Data or STAT6086 Sampling Techniques. The module that is not taken can be selected as an option module. All these modules are 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS.

You will select option modules up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Social Statistics masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
STAT6108	Analysis of Hierarchical Data (Multilevel & Longitudinal Analysis)	5	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

You must take either RESM6004 AND RESM6007, or STAT6083.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
STAT6083	Generalised Linear Models	10	Option

RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option

Other intermediate research methods option modules

Choose 0 to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option

Subject area option modules

You must choose STAT6077 Key Topics in Social Science: Measurement and Data OR STAT6086 Sampling Techniques. In addition, options from across the University are available and up to 15 ECTS/ 30 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
STAT6022	Dissertation	30	Compulsory

19. Sociology

If you are conducting your PhD within Sociology at the University of Southampton you will follow the Masters programme pathway detailed in this section.

You will take all basic research methods modules (RESM6001 to RESM6005) and choose at least one intermediate research methods module (RESM6006, RESM6007 or RESM6305). These are all taught at the University of Southampton.

You will take one Thematic Cluster Pathway module (5 ECTS/ 10 CATS), which will be taught across all three partner universities (Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton). The module that you will take will be that which is aligned to the Thematic Cluster Pathway that you were selected onto within the SCDTP.

There are two subject area compulsory modules, each worth 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS. These are SOCI6035 Understanding Modernity, and SOCI6043 Understanding Social Change These will be taught at the University of Southampton.

You will select one option module, worth 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS, based on your Training Needs Analysis.

You will be enrolled in the Sociology and Social Policy masters dissertation module. Your dissertation will be supervised within the University of Southampton, but you may have a co-supervisor from the partner Universities if it is agreed to be useful to do so.

Part 1

Compulsory

Research methods modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6001	Philosophy of Social Science Research	5	Compulsory
RESM6003	Qualitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6004	Quantitative Methods 1	5	Compulsory
RESM6002	Research Design and Practice	5	Compulsory
RESM6005	Survey Design	5	Compulsory

Subject area modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
SOCI6035	Understanding Modernity	10	Compulsory
SOCI6043	Understanding Social Change	10	Compulsory

Option

Intermediate research methods option modules

Choose at least 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS and up to 10 ECTS/ 20 CATS worth of modules.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6305	Mixed Methods	5	Option
RESM6006	Qualitative Methods 2	5	Option
RESM6007	Quantitative Methods 2	5	Option

Training cluster pathway modules

You will be allocated one of these modules based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
RESM6014	An interdisciplinary view of Global Economies and Business Innovation	5	Option
RESM6013	Contemporary Issues in Citizenship, Governance and Security	5	Option
RESM6017	Critical Perspectives on Population Change, Health and Wellbeing	5	Option
RESM6016	Learning, Knowledge and Behaviour	5	Option
RESM6018	Sustainability, Environment and Resilience	5	Option

Subject area option modules

Options from across the University are available and up to 5 ECTS/ 10 CATS worth will be chosen based on your Training Needs Assessment.

Part 2

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
SOCI6010	Dissertation	30	Compulsory

Support for student learning

There are facilities and services to support your learning, some of which are accessible to students across the University and some of which will be geared more particularly to students in your own particular Faculty or discipline area. These are the facilities available at the University of Southampton. The Universities of Brighton and Portsmouth have their own facilities and services that they will offer you if you are to study for your PhD in these locations. You will be informed about these during induction.

The University provides:

- library resources, including e-books, on-line journals and databases, which are comprehensive and up-to-date; together with assistance from Library staff to enable you to make the best use of these resources
- high speed access to online electronic learning resources on the Internet from dedicated PC Workstations onsite and from your own devices; laptops, smartphones and tablet PCs via the Eduroam wireless network. There is a wide range of application software available from the Student Public Workstations.
- computer accounts which will connect you to a number of learning technologies for example, the Blackboard virtual learning environment (which facilitates online learning and access to specific learning resources)
- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.
- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
- A Centre for Language Study, providing assistance in the development of English language and study skills for non-native speakers.
- In addition, students based at the Universities of Brighton or Portsmouth will also have access to the learning facilities provided by that institution.

The Students' Union provides

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students' views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.

Associated with your programme you will be able to access:

- Module lead's support. Module leads will be available at designated times during the week to discuss issues related to the particular modules you are studying at the time. This will be in addition to class contact time.
- Personal Academic Tutor (PAT). As soon as you register on this programme, you will be allocated a PAT. S/he is a member of the academic team and will be available to discuss general academic issues related to the programme.
- Senior Tutor. Within each Department there is a Senior Tutor who supports student learning and is available to discuss issues related to the programme.
- Module handbooks/outlines. These will be available at the start of each module (often in online format). The Handbook includes the aims and learning outcomes of the module, the methods of assessment, relevant background material to the module and a session-by-session breakdown of the module together with appropriate reading lists.
- Within the Faculty, administrative support is provided by your Student Office which deals with student records and related issues and with queries related to your specific degree programme.
- Within the SCDTP, there will be administrative and academic support to discuss any issues that you may be having with the programme overall or specific modules.

Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme
- Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff: Student Liaison Committees, Faculty Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feed back on your behalf.
- Serving as a student representative on Faculty Scrutiny Groups for programme validation
- Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group
- Students at the Universities of Brighton and Portsmouth will also have the opportunity to give additional feedback via local mechanisms

The ways in which the quality of your programme is checked, both inside and outside the University, are:

- Regular module and programme reports which are monitored by the Faculty
- Programme validation, normally every five years
- External examiners, who produce an annual report
- A national Research Excellence Framework (our research activity contributes directly to the quality of your learning experience)
- Higher Education Review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the [Quality Handbook](#).

Career Opportunities

This course is designed to provide you with a wide range of skills that can be used in a variety of sectors. However, the aim of the programme is to prepare you for PhD study, with every student taking this programme expected to progress onto PhD study.

External Examiner(s) for the programme

To be confirmed

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners' reports as part of the University's quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their personal tutor in the first instance.

Please note: This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information can be found in the programme handbook.

Appendix 1: Additional Costs

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme typically also have to pay for the items noted in the table below.

Main Item	Sub-section	PROGRAMME SPECIFIC COSTS
Stationery		You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationery items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile.
Textbooks		Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the reserve list in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source. Please note that the vast majority of readings in Gerontology are available electronically through e-journals, as digitised text in the Online Course Collection or as e-books. Some modules suggest reading texts as optional background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.
IT	Computer Discs	
	Software Licenses	Licenses relating to software used in the programme (eg. SPSS, NVivo) are purchased by the University, and students can download them from the iSolutions website using their username and password or through on campus licensing arrangements at the Universities of Portsmouth/Brighton.
	Hardware	Students have access to workstations in the Hartley Library and in Computer rooms around the campus. Students may wish to purchase their own laptop/PC/tablet.
Printing and Photocopying Costs		Much of your coursework, such as essays and projects, are likely to be submitted on line. However, there are some items where it is not possible to submit on line and students will be asked to provide a printed copy, including the MSc dissertation. Information about generic University printing, including printing costs, can be found here: https://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing/ Information about dissertation printing can be found here: http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/dissertation_thesis/index.page?
Travel between partner Universities		Travel between the three partner institutions in order to take modules for the Masters in Social Research Methods will be covered by the SCDTP. The travel will be agreed prior to the journey with the SCDTP and will be using the cheapest method of transport available.
Conference expenses	Accommodation	Where students wish to attend a scientific conference during their studies, they are liable for any accommodation cost associated (as well as conference registration fees).
	Travel	Where students wish to attend a scientific conference during their studies, they are liable for any travel cost associated.

Parking Costs	For students not residing in Southampton, paid parking is available on the University campus. Maps of the campuses can be downloaded from here: http://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/visit/getting-to-southampton.page#by_car
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In some cases you'll be able to choose modules (which may have different costs associated with that module) which will change the overall cost of a programme to you. Details of such costs will be listed in the Module Profile. Please also ensure you read the section on additional costs in the University's Fees, Charges and Expenses Regulations in the University Calendar available at www.calendar.soton.ac.uk.