

## Programme Specification

1	<b>Awarding body</b>	University of London				
2	<b>Teaching Institution</b>	<b>Birkbeck College</b>				
3	<b>Programme Title(s)</b>	<b>PG Cert Social Research</b>				
4	<b>Programme Code(s)</b>	TPCSOCRS_C				
5	<b>UCAS code</b>	N/A				
6	<b>Home Department</b>	School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy				
7	<b>Exit Award(s)</b>	N/A				
8	<b>Duration of Study (number of years)</b>	1 year full time				
9	<b>Mode of Study</b>	FT		PT	X	DL
10	<b>Level of Award (FHEQ)</b>	7				
11	<b>Other teaching depts or institution</b>	N/A				
12	<b>Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details</b>	N/A				
13	<a href="#"><u>QAA Benchmark Statement</u></a>	N/A				

14	<b>Programme Rationale &amp; Aims</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a rigorous training in a range of contemporary social research methods, including quantitative and qualitative methods</li> </ul> <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-time, evening, face-to-face study</li> <li>• Taught by leading figures in the field</li> </ul>

15	<b>Entry Criteria</b>
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in a social science or other relevant subject, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

16	<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
	<p><b>On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply quantitative and qualitative methods to social research.</li> </ul> <p><b>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods.</li> <li>• developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources.</li> </ul>

17	<b>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</b>
	The programme consists of lectures, seminars and computer workshops. In Quantitative Methods, assessment is based on a research project submitted during the year and a final exam. In Qualitative Methods, assessment is by coursework.

18	<b>Programme Description</b>
	This part-time course is designed for people working in social research or cognate areas who find themselves needing a stronger grounding in formal qualitative and quantitative research methods. There is an emphasis on applying research techniques, including interviewing, focus groups and data analysis using SPSS. Epistemological issues in designing research projects are also addressed. Students take two compulsory modules (60 credits).

19	<b>Programme Structure</b>				
	<b>Part-Time programme</b>				
	<b>Year 1</b>				
	<b>Level</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Status*</b>
	7	POSO075S7	Qualitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
	7	POSO076S7	Introductory Quantitative Social Research (or)	30	Compulsory
		SSPO133S7	Intermediate Quantitative Social Research		

**Status\***

*CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module*

20	<b>Programme Director</b>	Andrew Fugard
21	<b>Start Date</b> ( <i>term/year</i> )	Autumn 2010
22	<b>Date approved by TQEC</b>	Spring 2010
23	<b>Date approved by Academic Board</b>	Summer 2010
24	<b>Date(s) updated/amended</b>	April 2018