

Programme Specification

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

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a rigorous training in a range of contemporary social research methods, including quantitative and qualitative methods Focuses on research design, addressing critical issues in social research <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interdisciplinary, theoretically informed and creative approach to research Part-time, evening, face-to-face study Taught by leading figures in the field

15	Entry Criteria
	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	Learning Outcomes
	<p>On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply quantitative and qualitative methods to social research. demonstrate understanding of issues in designing social research, including ontological, epistemological and ethical issues. <p>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities. developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources.
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17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	The programme consists of lectures, seminars and computer workshops. The programme consists of lectures and seminars for taught modules, along with a dissertation. In the research methods modules, assessment is based on research projects, assignments or essays submitted during the year.

18	Programme Description
	<p>This is an interdisciplinary social science training programme designed to prepare students for further research in the workplace. The programme covers ontology, epistemology, as well as various quantitative and qualitative techniques. The programme provides a particularly strong environment for theoretically informed and socially engaged research.</p> <p>Students take six core modules (120 credits). Full-time students take all taught modules throughout the academic year. Part-time students take three modules each year.</p>

19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPA153S7	Investigating the Social World	30	Core
7	SSPO263S7	Masterclass in Social Research	30	Core
7	SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 SSPO241H7 SSPO245H7 SSPO242H7 SSPO243H7	Four from Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Topics in Quantitative Social Research, Experiments in Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Social Research Design	60	Core
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPA153S7	Investigating the Social World	30	Core
7	SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 SSPO241H7 SSPO245H7 SSPO242H7 SSPO243H7	Two from Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Topics in Quantitative Social Research, Experiments in Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Social Research Design	30	Core

Year of entry: 2022/23



Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO019S7	Masterclass in Social Research	30	Corey
7	SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 SSPO241H7 SSPO245H7 SSPO242H7 SSPO243H7	Two from Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Topics in Quantitative Social Research, Experiments in Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Social Research Design	30	Core

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	Programme Director	Chao-yo Cheng
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Autumn 2010
22	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2010
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2010
24	Date(s) updated/amended	May 2022 for 2022/3