

**SOCIAL SCIENCE (SEPTEMBER START) (MRes/PgDip in Research Methods (Social Science)/PgCert in Research Methods (Social Science))**

**91L00SH9/92L00SVX/93L00SVZ**

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MRes); 9 months full-time or 18 months part-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time or 8 months part-time (PgCert).

Overview: This programme provides advanced training in social research methods. It equips students with the skills and practical experience needed to conduct independent social research. The programme addresses a broad range of research methodologies, but also enable students to develop intellectual and practice skills related to their own area of social research. For students wishing to undertake a PhD in Politics, International Relations or Sociology, the programme provides the support and training needed to complete the first stages of doctoral research.

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

**FULL TIME ROUTE**

Stage 1

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)  
SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)

*EITHER*

PI5022 Theories and Issues in Political Science & International Relations (30 credit points)  
*OR*  
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Stage 2

SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)

Stage 3 (MRes only)

*EITHER*

PI5904 Dissertation in Political Research (60 credit points)  
*OR*  
SO5909 Dissertation in Social Research (60 credit points)

**PART TIME ROUTE**

Year 1

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. PD5006 must be taken in Year 1. PI5904 OR SO5909 must be taken in Year 2.

The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SL5512 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)  
SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)

*EITHER*

PI5022 Theories and Issues in Political Science & IR (30 credit points)  
*OR*  
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

*Assessment:* By in-course assessment, as prescribed for each course, and by submission of a dissertation. The degree of MRes shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS marks of D3 in PI5904 OR SO5909, irrespective of their performance in other courses.