

Master of Research Human Geography / Sustainable Development

Programme Requirements

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120 credits from Module List: SS5101 - SS5104, GG5004 - GG5005 and GG5099 (60 credits)	

Compulsory modules:

SS5101 Being a Social Scientist				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	3.00 - 5.00 pm Fri			
<p>Through a series of interactive seminars this two-part module explores the fundamental skills required by all social scientists. In part one, the module will focus on how to design and produce a research dissertation. Assessment will be in the form of a critical essay that analyses the research design of a selection of papers. In part two, issues of professional development (e.g. ethics, careers, grant writing) will be addressed. Assessment will be in the form of a class test in which you will review and comment on two research proposals.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development. Compulsory for various MRes Programmes outwith the School. Optional for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc), for Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc), for Sustainable Development (MSc), for Sustainable Development and Energy (MSc). Optional for various other MRes Programmes			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			

SS5102 Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Wed			
<p>This seminar-based module will introduce you to the basic theoretical approaches in the social sciences, encourage you to make connections between the methodological and epistemological issues involved in conducting social scientific research, and inspire you to reflect critically your own experience. The module will cover modern philosophy's historical evolution, positivism, feminism, critical theory and post-structuralism among other topics. Assessment will involve a one short review and one longer essay.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development, for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc) and various other MRes Programmes Optional for Sustainable Development (MRes), Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc) Optional for various other MRes Programmes			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	TBC (Colleagues from International Relations)			

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SS5103 Qualitative Methods in Social Research				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	10.00 am - 12.00 noon Tue			
This seminar-based module offers both a theoretical and practical introduction to the collection, analysis and writing of qualitative social science research. Among other things, the module will cover positionality/ethics, archives, participant observation, participatory approaches, semi-structured interviewing and the use of NVIVO/computer aided qualitative data analysis. Assessment will involve a short reflection on field experience and a longer critical essay on a chosen aspect of qualitative research.				
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Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr M Kesey and Dr D Williams			

SS5104 Quantitative Research in Social Science				
SCOTCAT Credits:	15	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	1.00 - 5.00 pm Mon			
This module provides a user-friendly introduction to the fundamental concepts of quantitative analysis. It will cover underlying principles, terminology, research design, sampling strategies, uncertainty and missing data, computerised data management and univariate and multivariate approaches to data analysis. The assessment will be in the form of practical tasks completed in class and/or independently.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development Compulsory for MSc Psychology (Conversion). Compulsory for Research Methods in Psychology (MSc) Compulsory for various other MRes Programmes. Optional for Sustainable Development (MSc), Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics (MSc) Optional for various other MRes Programmes			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 3-hour combined lecture and practical session.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Dr J Ales			

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GG5004 Advanced Social Science Research Training 1: Reviewing, Conceptualising, Framing.

SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Availability restrictions:	Available only to students taking an MRes Human Geography/Sustainable Development			
Planned timetable:	TBC			
This is a directed reading module that will enable students to expand their understanding of the field of knowledge in Human Geography or Sustainable Development that will be the focus of their MRes Dissertation and later, their PHD. Students will have individual tutorials with the member of staff who will supervise their Dissertation/PhD. The empirical content will be bespoke to the student/supervisor/project. The module will focus on literature review, challenging the student to place their evolving research project a wider sub-disciplinary/disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary field, framing, conceptualising, theorising and problematising existing research and seeking opportunities for new contributions.				
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Pre-requisite(s):	Must be taking an MRes Degree in the School of Geography & Sustainable Development	Anti-requisite(s):	GG5000, GG5001	
Co-requisite(s):	SS5101, SS5014	Required for:	GG5099	
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-to-1 supervision meeting (x 10 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Practical Examination = 30%, Coursework = 70%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			

GG5005 Advanced Social Science Research Training 2: Designing, Planning, Implementing

SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Availability restrictions:	Available only to students taking an MRes Human Geography/Sustainable Development			
Planned timetable:	TBC			
This is a directed reading module that will enable students to expand their understanding of a field of knowledge in Human Geography or Sustainable Development that will be the focus of their MRes Dissertation and later, their PHD. Students will have individual tutorials with the member of staff who will supervise their Dissertation/PhD. The empirical content will be bespoke to the student/supervisor/project. The module will focus on method, methodology and research design challenging the student to reflect on what they have learned in the SS5000 programme an apply that learning the development of a research protocol for their own evolving research project.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development			
Pre-requisite(s):	GG5004			
Co-requisite(s):	SS5102, SS5103	Required for:	GG5099	
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-to-1 supervision meeting (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			

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GG5099 Dissertation in Human Geography/Sustainable Development				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Summer
Availability restrictions:	Available only to students taking MRes Programmes in the School of Geography and Sustainable Development			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
Depending on their interests, students choose a topic in the field of human geography or sustainable development on which to conduct independent research. Dissertations will be supervised by a member of the teaching staff who will provide advice throughout the research process. Research will be conducted over the summer after the end of the taught modules. The project can be used to pilot some aspect of the PHD project onto which the student will transition after completing the MRes. The completed dissertation must be no more than 15,000 words.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MRes in Human Geography / Sustainable Development			
Pre-requisite(s):	GG5004, GG5005, SS5001, SS5002, SS5003, SS5004			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Up to 8 hours of guided study per student over semester 2 and the summer (one-to-one supervision, by arrangement with supervisor).			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr M Kesby			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			