The MSc in Social Research Methods is a degree offering advanced training in social research methods, designed to be flexible to accommodate students arriving with a range of previous methodological training. The core modules offer a strong grounding in research process and quantitative and qualitative methods. The optional modules allow students to build on these and develop more advanced skills in particular methods of interest.

### Degree summary

This degree is designed to cover the research methods used in collating evidence for the design, critique and evaluation of substantive issues in the social sciences. Students will gain hands-on experience in a range of methodologies used to study issues of interest in the real world. Students will be expected to apply their understanding of methodology to critique existing research, to design their own research, carry out their own analysis and communicate this understanding clearly to academic specialists and non-specialists.

- UCL Social Science is a research-intensive department with world-leading experts in quantitative, qualitative and systematic review methodology - as well as a broad range of social science substantive subjects. We have a lively community of staff, PhD, MSc and undergraduate students involved in seminars, workshops and reading groups in addition to formal teaching.
- Our department specialises in applying research methods to inform policy on education, health, labour markets, human development and child/adult wellbeing.
- The department's staff have a broad range of interests, which includes expertise in economics, sociology, psychology, social statistics, survey methods and data collection, mixed-methods research, and the techniques of policy evaluation.

This programme is delivered via face-to-face daytime lectures, seminars and practical computer workshops. Assessment is through coursework assignments and a 10,000-12,000 word dissertation.

### Degree structure

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: up to 5 years  
**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students study a range of core methods, before specialising in more advanced techniques. Each module is 15 credits and students must take 180 credits in total. Students take 75 credits in core modules, 45 credits in optional modules and 60 credits for the dissertation.

#### CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Data Analysis
- Introduction to Regression Analysis
- Introduction to Qualitative Methods
- Survey Design
- Systematic Review Design and Planning

#### OPTIONAL MODULES

- Longitudinal Data and Analysis
- Impact Evaluation Methods
- Using Stata Efficiently and Effectively
- Advanced Qualitative Methods
- Systematic Reviews for Complex Policy Issues
- Research Engagement, Participation and Impact

#### DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000-12,000 words.
Your career

Graduates of this Master's degree are currently working as:

- university and college lecturers and researchers
- civil servants
- third sector employees
- teachers
- journalists
- social researchers
- market researchers

Employability

There are a range of employers seeking students with suitable skills in research including government departments, academic institutions, the media, and financial organisations (particularly for financial analysis and marketing).
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, in a social science discipline.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Social Research Methods at graduate level
// why you want to study Social Research Methods at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £7,925 (FT)
// EU: £7,925 (FT)
// Overseas: £17,190 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 28 July 2017

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

CONTACT

Mr David Fowkes, Programme Administrator

Email: d.fowkes@ucl.ac.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7612 6271

EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum