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The university is one of only 21 national ESRC accredited **Doctoral Training Centres** which support postgraduate training to help ensure the flow of highly qualified people into research careers. The centre supports the doctoral training programme provided by the College of Social Sciences which aims to provide students with a solid foundation in a broad range of social science research methods as well as basic research skills.

Students will acquire a general overview of the philosophy of social research and understand how this informs research design, methods of data collection and analysis. They will also develop an ability to use a range of research methods, to communicate research findings effectively and an understanding of the potential use of and impact of their research within and beyond academia.

All PhD students are required to complete the three core research training modules and full-time students must submit the assignments for assessment. Part time students are not required to submit the assignments although they may choose to do so. The modules are offered on a Saturday as well as a Tuesday for those who are part-time. There is also the option to undertake the Saturday modules as blended learning, so you would only need to attend two Saturdays instead of four and spend the equivalent time working online and from home for each module.

The three core research modules are:

- [Introduction to Social Science Research \(/schools/education/courses/postgraduate-research/introduction-to-social-research-module.aspx\)](/schools/education/courses/postgraduate-research/introduction-to-social-research-module.aspx)
- [Research Design in Social Science \(/schools/education/courses/postgraduate-research/research-design-module.aspx\)](/schools/education/courses/postgraduate-research/research-design-module.aspx)
- [Social Research Methods \(/schools/education/courses/postgraduate-research/social-research-methods-module.aspx\)](/schools/education/courses/postgraduate-research/social-research-methods-module.aspx)

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