



SGSSS ESRC Masters Provisions for all SGSSS-DTP Institutions for 2025/26 Entry (updated 31 March 2025)

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Enclosed are detailed lists of Masters programmes submitted in 2022 during the DTP 2 commissioning process, correct for the academic year 2025/26, listed by SGSSS-DTP institution and Unit of Assessment (UoA, REF 2021).

Please note, we have checked with institutions in Autumn 2024 for any changes. Unless SGSSS have been advised specifically that a Masters programme is not running in 2025/26, we have assumed all programmes submitted as part of the commissioning process are running. As such, if accessing this document in 2025/26 we ask that you check with your intended institution's website and/or admissions team to ensure the relevant ESRC recognised Masters programme is running in 2025/26.

1. SGSSS Units of Assessment by Institution

| | Aber- deen | Aber- tay | Dun- dee | Edin- burgh | Napier | Glas- gow | GCU | Heriot- Watt | UHI | SRUC | St An- drews | Stirling | Strath- clyde | UWS |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------|--------------|-----|-----------------|-----|------|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----|
| Public Health | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allied Health | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Psychology | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earth Systems | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Architecture | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geography | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Economics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Business | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Law | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Politics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Soc W./Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sociology | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anthropology | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Education | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sport | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area Studies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Modern Lang. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| History | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art & Design | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Criteria not met, UoA not recognised

Criteria met, UoA recognised

2. Full List of SGSSS Units of Assessment

| UoA | UoA Title |
|-----|---|
| A2 | Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care |
| A3 | Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy |
| A4 | Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience |
| A6 | Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Science |
| B7 | Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences |
| C13 | Architecture, Built Environments and Planning |
| C14 | Geography and Environmental Studies |
| C16 | Economics and Econometrics |
| C17 | Business and Management Studies |
| C18 | Law |
| C19 | Politics and International Studies |
| C20 | Social Work and Social Policy |
| C21 | Sociology |
| C22 | Anthropology and Developmental Studies |
| C23 | Education |
| C24 | Sport and Exercise Sciences, Leisure and Tourism |
| D25 | Area Studies |
| D26 | Modern Languages and Linguistics |
| D28 | History |
| D32 | Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory |
| D34 | Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, Library and Information Management |

3. Approved ESRC Masters Programmes by Institution and Unit of Assessment

Below are detailed lists of ESRC approved Masters programmes, correct for academic year 2025/26, listed by SGSSS-DTP institution and unit of assessment. Those marked 'not updated' are pending confirmation for the academic year 25/26, and will be updated in due course.

3.1 University of Aberdeen (updated)

A2. Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care

[MRes Social Science](#)

A4. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience

[MRes in Psychology](#)

C17. Business and Management Studies

[MRes Social Science](#)

C18. Law

[MRes Social Science](#)

C19. Politics and International Studies

[MRes Social Science](#)

C22. Anthropology & Development Studies

[MSc Anthropological Research](#)

3.2 University of Abertay (updated)

A4. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience A4

[MSc Research Methods in Psychology](#)

D32. Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory D32

[MSc Research Methods](#)

3.3 University of Dundee (updated)

- I. Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy A3
[MSc in Social Research](#)
- II. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience A4
[MSc in Psychological Research Methods](#)
[MSc Psychology of Language](#);
[MSc Developmental Psychology](#)
- III. Geography and Environmental Studies C14
[MSc in Social Research*](#)
- IV. Social Work and Social Policy C20
[MSc in Social Research*](#)
- V. Education C23
[MSc in Social Research*](#)

*The MSc in Social Research provides numerous discipline-specific learning options for students from Health, Geography, Social Work, Social Policy and Education backgrounds.

3.4 University of Edinburgh (updated)

A4. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience

[MSc in Psychological Research¹](#)

B7. Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences

[MSc in Social Research²](#)

C16. Economics and Econometrics

[Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics](#)

C17. Business and Management Studies

MScR in Management³⁴

C18. Law

[MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice](#)

C19. Politics and International Studies

MSc in Social Research⁵

[MScR Social and Political Science⁴](#)

C20. Social Work and Social Policy

[MSc in Social Research⁴](#)

[MScR Social and Political Science⁴](#)

C21. Sociology

[MSc in Social Research⁴](#)

[MScR Social and Political Science⁴](#)

[MScR in Science and Technology Studies](#)

¹MSc Psychological Research

The below ESRC approved core courses for Psychology are:

- Qualitative Methodologies in Psychological Research PSYL11113 (20 credits)
- Multivariate Stats and Methodology using R PSYL11098 (20 credits)
- Univariate Stats and Methodology using R PSYL11099 (10 credits)
- Psychological Research Skills PSYL11065 (20 credits)
- Research Design PGSP11208 (to be audited)(TBC REPLACE WITH SGSSS CORE)

² The MScR Social and Political Science and the MSc in Social Research provides numerous discipline-specific learning options (a choice of courses constituting 60 credits and a 60 credit dissertation) for students from Politics, Sociology, Social Work and Social Policy and allied backgrounds.

⁴ Management: Core Quantitative Data Analysis[SCIL11009] must be selected from the course options

⁵ The MScR Social and Political Science and the MSc in Social Research provides numerous discipline-specific learning options (a choice of courses constituting 60 credits and a 60 credit dissertation) for students from Politics, Sociology, Social Work and Social Policy and allied backgrounds.

C22. Anthropology and Developmental Studies

[MSc in Social Research⁴](#)

[MScR Social and Political Science⁴](#)

C23. Education

[MSc in Social Research⁴](#)

C24. Sport and Exercise Sciences, Leisure and Tourism

[MSc in Social Research⁴⁴](#)

D26. Modern Languages and Linguistics

MSc in Linguistics⁶

[MSc Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies⁷](#)

D28. History

[MScR in Economic and Social History](#)

⁶ The below ESRC approved core courses for Linguistics are:

- Qualitative Methodologies in Psychological Research PSYL11113 (20 credits)
- Multivariate Stats and Methodology using R PSYL11098 (20 credits)
- Univariate Stats and Methodology using R PSYL11099 (10 credits)
- Linguistics Research Skills (20 credits) to be replaced with SGSSS core (TBC)

⁷ Takes core QDA, Research skills in the social sciences: data collection, audits SGSSS core course.

3.5 Edinburgh Napier University (updated)

A3. Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy

[MSc in Social Research and Policy](#)

D34. Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, Library and Information Management D34

[MSc in Social Research and Policy](#)

3.6 University of Glasgow (updated)

A2. Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care

[MRes in Global Health;](#)
[MRes in Sociology and Research Methods](#)

A4. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience

[MSc in Research Methods of Psychological Sciences](#)

C13. Architecture, Built Environments and Planning

[MRes in Public Policy Research;](#)
[MRes in Urban Research;](#)

C14. Geography and Environmental Studies

[MRes in Human Geography: Space, Politics, Ecologies;](#)
[MRes in Urban Research;](#)
[MSc in Earth Futures](#)

C17. Business and Management Studies

[MRes in Management](#)
[Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics](#) (via the University of Edinburgh)

C18. Law

[MRes in Criminology](#)
[MRes in Human Rights and International Politics](#)

C19. Politics & International Studies

[MRes in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies](#)
[MRes in Human Rights and International Politics](#)
[MRes in International Relations](#)
[MRes in Political Communication](#)

C20. Social Work and Social Policy

[MRes in Sociology and Research Methods;](#)
[MRes in Criminology](#)
MRes in Global Health

C23. Education

[MRes in Public Policy Research;](#)
[MRes in Sociology and Research Methods;](#)
[MRes in Urban Research](#)

D28. History

MSc in Global Economy

3.7 Glasgow Caledonian University (updated)

- I. Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy A3
[MRes in Master of Research](#)
- II. Social Work and Social Policy C20
[MRes in Master of Research](#)

3.8 Heriot-Watt University (updated)

C13. Architecture, Built Environments and Planning C13

[MSc Social and Behavioural Research Methods](#)

C17. Business and Management Studies C17

[MSc Social and Behavioural Research Methods](#)

D25. Area Studies

[MSc Social and Behavioural Research Methods](#)

3.9 University of Highlands & Islands (updated)

D25. Area Studies

New for 2025 MSc Social Research

3.10 Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) (updated)

A6. Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences

[MSc in Social Research*](#)

[MScR Social and Political Science*](#) both degrees provided with agreement (as partner institutions) with the University of Edinburgh

*The MScR Social and Political Science and the MSc in Social Research provide students with 60 credits of optional discipline specific learning

3.11 University of St Andrews (updated)

A4. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience

[MSc in Research Methods in Psychology](#)

C14. Geography and Environmental Studies

[MRes in Human Geography/Sustainable Development](#)

C16. Economics and Econometrics

MRes Management and Economics *new*

C17. Business and Management Studies

MRes in Management and Economics *new*

C19. Politics and International Studies

[MRes in International Relations](#)

C22. Anthropology and Developmental Studies

[MRes in Social Anthropology](#)

D28. History

From 2025/26, the following programme will be used:

[MLitt Global and Political Thought](#) / MRes International Relations

3.12 University of Stirling (updated)

- I. Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy
[MRes in Health Research](#);
- II. Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience
[MSc in Psychological Research Methods](#);
[MSc in Behavioural Sciences for Management](#) (this option is for Interdisciplinary students only)
- III. Business and Management Studies
[MRes in Business and Management](#);
[MSc in Behavioural Sciences for Management](#) (this option for Interdisciplinary students only)
[Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics](#) (via the University of Edinburgh)
- IV. Law
[MSc Criminological Research](#)
- V. Politics and International Studies
[MSc Global Politics and Policies](#)
- VI. Social Work and Social Policy
[MSc in Applied Social Research](#)
[MSc in Social Statistics & Social Research](#) advanced quantitative option
- VII. Education
[MRes in Educational Research](#);
- VIII. History
[MSc in Historical Research](#)
- IX. Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, Library and Information Management
[MSc in Gender Studies](#)
[MRes in Media Research](#)

3.13 University of Strathclyde (updated)

- I. Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy
[MSc Research Methods in Psychology](#)
- II. Architecture, Built Environments and Planning
[MSc in Social Policy \(Research Methods\)](#);
- III. Business and Management Studies
[MRes in Research Methodology in Business and Management](#)
[Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics](#) (via the University of Edinburgh)
- IV. Law
[MSc in Criminology & Social Policy](#)
- V. Politics and International
[MSc in Political Research](#)
- VI. Social Work and Social Policy
[MSc in Social Policy \(Research Methods\)](#)
- VII. History
[MSc in Historical Studies](#)

3.14 University West of Scotland (updated)

- I. Sport and Exercise Sciences, Leisure and Tourism

[MSc Sports and Exercise](#)