

Possible Patterns of movement through the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Educational and Social Research

The Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificates are both flexible programmes in which you can develop your own study routes. Below we have outlined some of the options that you may wish to think about while planning your studies. These are merely suggestions though, and you are encouraged to design your own package if you feel that these options may not meet your needs.

Postgraduate Diploma – 120 credits

Classic Route

This route will be useful for researchers looking for an overview of the research process:

- 30 credits - Approaches to Educational Research
- 30 credits - Research Methods
- 10 Credits – Writing and Presenting Educational Research
- 30 credits – Research and the Theoretical Field
- 20 Credits – Qualitative Data Analysis *or* Quantitative Data Analysis

*Analytic Route**

This configuration of modules involves a heavier emphasis on analysis than on presenting and may suite those with a particular interest in mixed methods research.

- 30 Credits – Approaches to Educational Research
- 30 Credits – Research and the Theoretical Field
- 30 Credits - Research Methods
- 20 Credits – Qualitative Data Analysis
- 20 Credits – Qualitative Data Analysis

Postgraduate Certificate – 90 Credits

Empirical Route – Specialisation

This configuration of modules gives an overview of the research process, ending in a specialised analysis module of your choice. It may be useful for those who wish to specialise in a particular mode of analysis.

- 30 credits - Approaches to Educational Research
- 30 credits - Research Methods
- 10 credits - Writing and Presenting Educational Research
- 20 credits - Qualitative Data Analysis *or* Quantitative Data Analysis

*Empirical Route – non-specialisation**

This route may be useful for researchers who are experienced at presenting research, and who wish to gain experience of both qualitative and quantitative approaches to analysis.

- 30 credits - Approaches to Educational Research
- 30 credits - Research Methods
- 20 Credits – Qualitative Data Analysis
- 20 Credits – Qualitative Data Analysis

Theoretical Route

This package may suite those who are particularly interested in theoretical issues within research, and wish to explore the relationship between such issues and empirical investigation.

- 30 credits – Research and the Theoretical Field
- 30 credits - Research Methods
- 10 credits - Writing and Presenting Educational Research
- 20 credits - Qualitative Data Analysis *or* Quantitative Data Analysis

* These credit routes will result in accumulating more credits than is strictly required however it does not affect your award.