

Social Research at Birkbeck

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Program structure

- ▶ **Research methods** modules (60 credits)
 - Qualitative Social Research Methods and Qualitative Research Design
 - Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, and Advanced Topics in Quantitative Social Research
 - Experiments in Social Science
- ▶ **Theory and subject** options (60 credits)
 - MSc and PG Diploma: Investigating the Social World and Masterclass in Social Research
 - MRes: Subject options from the corresponding departments
- ▶ **Dissertation** (60 credits), including dissertation workshops

Program structure


- ▶ You can choose to finish all program requirements in **one** (full-time) or **two** (part-time) years.
- ▶ You can **move on to MSc/MRes** after you finish PG Diploma/Cert.
- ▶ You can **revisit your module selection and/or your study plan at Birkbeck** with the program director (1:1 progress check starts after Reading Week).

	Methods (60 credits)	Theory/Subject (60 credits)	Dissertation (60 credits)
PG Certificate	V		
PG Diploma	V	V	
MSc and MRes	V	V	V

Learning outside classrooms

- ▶ Birkbeck's Study Skills workshops
- ▶ Research talks at Birkbeck's research centres and institutes
- ▶ Career planning at Birkbeck; opportunities on LinkedIn, jobs.ac.uk, and idealist.org
- ▶ Libraries within and outside Birkbeck, such as the Senate House, SOAS, UCL, and the British Library (or SCONUL if you live outside Central London)
- ▶ Additional events (e.g., Turing) and resources (e.g., NCRM) outside Birkbeck

Learning outside classrooms: Birkbeck's Study Skills workshops



SEARCH MENU

Birkbeck, University of London > Student services > Study skills

STUDY SKILLS

We offer online and face-to-face advice, guidance and support to help all Birkbeck students develop the study skills they need for academic success at university. This includes:

- Study skills resources, including interactive guides, videos and recordings of past workshops in the [Study Skills Moodle module](#).
- Live [study skills workshops](#) which are offered multiple times a week during term time. There are many different topics, they are always free and you can attend as many as you wish.
- Specialist, subject-based help via our [Learning Development Tutors and resources](#).
- Access to personalised writing feedback and online tutoring via Studiosity in [My Birkbeck](#).

CONTACT US

If you would like further information or advice about study skills, please contact the [Student Advice Service](#) or [raise a query on Birkbeck's 'Ask' system](#).

If you would like further information or advice about subject-specific study skills or library services, please [contact our dedicated subject-specific tutors](#).

QUICK LINKS

- [Study skills workshops](#)
- [Birkbeck Study Skills \(Moodle module\)](#)
- [Learning development tutors and resources](#)

<https://www.bbk.ac.uk/student-services/learning-development>

Learning outside classrooms: Birkbeck research centres and institutes

RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

Our interdisciplinary centres and institutes encourage collaboration within and across Birkbeck's schools and departments, by bringing together researchers from different subjects and disciplines. They are more formal than our [academic research networks, groups and societies](#), but there are many areas of overlap and collaboration between them.

Our staff regularly feature in the media. [Find out more about their research through our 'Birkbeck in the media' summary page.](#)

QUICK LINKS

- [Schools and departments](#)

RESEARCH INSTITUTES AT BIRKBECK



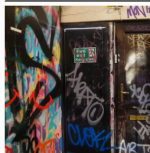
INSTITUTE FOR CRIME AND JUSTICE POLICY RESEARCH

Our aim is to improve criminal justice policy and to contribute to academic knowledge and public debate about crime and criminal justice.



BIRKBECK GENDER AND SEXUALITY

We provide a forum for innovative interdisciplinary collaboration and exchange in gender and sexuality studies.



INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITIES

We engage with important public issues through debates, lectures, seminars and conferences, to promote interdisciplinary research and collaboration.



INSTITUTE FOR DATA ANALYTICS

BIDA provides the focus and a platform for research that combines data from computing and pervasive technologies, and a wide range of academic disciplines.

Learning outside classrooms: Birkbeck's mentoring pathways



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OUR COMMUNITY



MENTORING PATHWAYS

Birkbeck's Mentoring Pathways gives final-year students the opportunity to engage in a mentoring relationship with alumni and corporate volunteers. These mentoring relationships provide students with guidance, advice and support as they navigate the steps to their future careers and professional development goals.

Mentors are drawn from our Birkbeck graduates and corporate partners working in a diverse range of professions and industries. Current organisations and partnerships include PwC, Arts Council England, Clifford Chance, Goldman Sachs and North Highland.

<https://campaign.bbk.ac.uk/mentoring>



Post-pandemic academic life: 4 Principles

- ▶ **Active learning.** We embrace *interactive* learning. Come to in-person seminars/tutorials, having: (1) Watched the lecture videos; (2) participated in the lecture discussions; (3) completed the readings or other preparation for the week.
- ▶ **Stability with flexibility.** We aim for stability, but acknowledge the need for flexibility.
- ▶ **Good communication.** We want to make this *fantastic*: Please be your own best advocate and give us feedback and constructive suggestions!
- ▶ **Safety.** We all want to keep you safe during your year at Birkbeck but need to work collaboratively with you to make that happen!

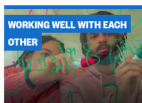
Post-pandemic academic life: Contact points

- ▶ Your program director (personal tutor): Dr **Chao-Yo Cheng** (c.cheng@bbk.ac.uk) for academic and research questions; office hours between **3-5pm on Fridays** via Microsoft Teams (or other time by email).
- ▶ Your postgraduate course administrator: **Rachel Llewellyn** (pgpolitics@bbk.ac.uk) for admin/procedural questions.
- ▶ Your intl student officer: Dr **David Styan** (d.styan@bbk.ac.uk).
- ▶ Your module conveners/tutors.
- ▶ Your dissertation supervisor.
- ▶ Birkbeck's **Student Services** for different services provided by the College.

WELCOME TO BIRKBECK (2022_23)

[Dashboard](#)[My courses](#)[Welcome to Birkbeck \(2022_23\)](#)

Overall progress % 0



<https://moodle.bbk.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=39287>

Thank you!

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