

Possible Routes through the Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate in Educational and Social Research

The Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate 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 be appropriate for 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

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Postgraduate Certificate – 60 Credits

Empirical Route – Specialisation

This configuration of modules gives an overview of the research process, focussing on designing, conceptualising and conducting research.

30 credits – Approaches to educational research

30 credits – Research methods

*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, and to think about the role of theory in research.

30 credits – Research and the theoretical field

20 Credits – Qualitative data analysis

20 Credits – Quantitative data analysis

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