

Social Statistics PGT Presessionals and Induction

MSc in Social Research Methods and Statistics

Welcome to the MSc in Social Research Methods and Statistics at the University of Manchester. At these introductory events and training sessions you will meet your lecturers and fellow students and select the modules you wish to take. We will give you important information to help you through your time at University. Should you have any questions please contact the course administrator A. Bridgeman – Email: Amanda.bridgeman@manchester.ac.uk or the course director K. Purdam - Email: kingsley.purdam@manchester.ac.uk

Date	Theme	Format
Monday 12 th Oct – Thursday 15 th Oct	SRMS Presessional Training	<p><u>Live Session 1: Introduction to the course and the materials.</u> Live online session - Monday 12th October 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm UK time.</p> <p>This first live session will introduce your fellow students, the course and the material you will work on for the next few days. We will use a mixture of short lectures, demos, group discussions and breakout rooms. Please join via zoom https://zoom.us/j/93140699016 [Passcode: SRMS2020]</p>
		<p><u>Self-Study Sessions: Tuesday – Wednesday 13th to 14th October 2020.</u></p> <p>The work packages, introduced on the first live session, will cover the following key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research design overview • Basic mathematics and statistics • Basic data analysis - key steps • Reading and reflecting in social statistics • Software tasters and practicals • <p>These packages will include a mixture of readings, videos, exercises, and practical tasks. There will be opportunities for working with your peers. You will be expected to engage with all the tasks and be ready to discuss at the second live session.</p> <p><u>Live Session 2: Feedback and Discussion. Live online session - Thursday 15th October 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm UK time.</u></p> <p>During the second online live session we will provide feedback on exercises, answer follow-up questions and also engage in discussions on key topics from the readings and study material. Please join via zoom https://zoom.us/j/98427410487 [Passcode: SRMS2020]</p> <p>Please note: where possible the online live sessions will be recorded for those who are unable to join.</p> <p><u>What you need to do in preparation of the first live session</u></p> <p>Make sure you are familiar with Zoom: ideally you will have it</p>

		<p>installed on your computer and ensure your audio and video are functioning. It would be great to be able to 'see' as many as possible especially during the introductions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the quick survey to help us understand more where you are coming from in relation to the course and its pre-requisites. The link will be sent out. 2. Check recent news media for a good and a bad example of using statistics: have the links ready to share. Perhaps also try Full Fact website: https://fullfact.org <p>NOTE: Once the course formally starts you will be allocated a personal tutor. Teaching will be via the University of Manchester Blackboard website which you will be given access to. We are also hopefully of some face-to-face sessions and drop-ins subject to the regulations.</p>
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MSc Induction and Social 21st Oct 11am - 12.30pm	Meet the course lecturers, other students and choose modules.	<p>Live Session - 11am-12.30 SRMS MSc Course Induction</p> <p>Please join via zoom https://zoom.us/j/98918816733 [Passcode: 493983]</p> <p>At this event you will have a chance to meet fellow students and the course lecturers. An overview of the course will be provided and you will have an opportunity to ask questions about teaching, supervision, personal tutors and assessment.</p>
Module Selection		<p>Please note your module choice form needs to be returned to amanda.bridgeman@manchester.ac.uk by email before 3pm Friday 23rd October.</p>

Academic Skills	Academic Research and Writing Skills	<p>Please make the most of this resource to help with research skills, essay writing, referencing.</p> <p>Go to: https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/using-the-library/students/training-and-skills-support/my-learning-essentials/</p>
Other Support	Language Skills	<p>You may wish to explore the range of support offered by the University Language Centre (ULC): there are a number of useful online courses, workshops and one-to-one sessions that can help you develop your academic English.</p> <p>We can also provide some information about doing a PhD.</p> <p>You can find these videos by logging into Blackboard</p>
Library		<p>https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/get-started/</p> <p>Information also on Blackboard via the course units.</p>

