



Queen Margaret University

EDINBURGH

Programme Specification

Where appropriate outcome statements have been referenced to the appropriate Benchmarking Statement (BS)

1	Awarding Institution	Queen Margaret University
2	Teaching Institution	Queen Margaret University
3	Professional body accreditation	N/A
4	Final Award	MSc
	Subsidiary exit awards	PG Cert / PG Dip
5	Programme Title	Public Sociology
6	UCAS code (or other coding system if relevant)	
7	SCQF Level	11
	Mode of delivery and duration	1 year FT or up to 7 years PT
9	Date of validation/review	15 March 2018

10. Educational Aims of the programme

To enable learners to:

- Develop a deeper understanding of the discipline and practice of public sociology in order to contribute to its development through research, practice and theoretical development;
- Engage critically with various publics through the use of public sociology skills, knowledge and analysis.

11. Benchmark statements/professional and statutory body requirements covered by the programme

No taught postgraduate benchmarks. Reference has been made to BSc Sociology benchmarks. No professional or statutory body requirements

12. Learning Outcomes of the Programme

Upon successful completion of a programme, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge of the epistemological basis and the core theoretical principles of public sociology;
- Demonstrate an appreciation of how public sociology is practiced in a range of global, professional, institutional and community-based contexts;
- Critically assess and evaluate public sociology knowledge;
- Demonstrate reflexivity in practicing public sociology and thereby contribute to a development of public sociology praxis;
- Employ and critically evaluate a range of public sociology research methods and demonstrate an understanding of their methodological implications;
- Engage effectively with a range of publics;
- Critically apply public sociology to a relevant area of specialism of interest to the student;
- Apply theoretical, practical and ethical principles in the delivery of a public sociology research project.

13. Teaching and learning methods and strategies

Lectures, Seminars, Tutorials and EBL. Emphasis is on reflection on practice

14. Assessment strategies

A range of assessment mechanisms relevant to the discipline and practice of public sociology

- Literature review;
- Edited essay collection
- Group work presentation
- Written reflection
- Reflective journal
- Seminar presentation
- Project Proposal
- Dissertation / Project report

15. Programme structures and features, curriculum units (modules), credits and award requirements (including any periods of placement)

The programme comprises 5 x 20 credit core modules plus 1 x 20 credit elective module, plus 60 credit project / dissertation

Core modules:

Module	Credit
Principles of Public Sociology	20
Public Sociology Practice	20
Research Methods and Methodologies for Public Sociology	20
Reflection on Action	20
Project Proposal	20
Dissertation / Project	60

16. Criteria for admission

Degree or equivalent, or relevant experience.

Minimum IELTS score equivalent to QMU PG requirements

Engagement with public required, either prior to or following admission

17. Support for students and their learning

- Personal Academic Tutors
- Student handbooks
- Access to Student Learning Services, Library and IT support
- Access to Student Services: careers, counselling, disability advice
- Representation through Student-Staff Committees
- Specific Reflection on Action module

18. Quality Assurance arrangements

This programme is governed by QMU's quality assurance procedures. See the QMU website for more detail: <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/quality/>