



# Master of Social Research Methods



**CRICOS code:** 108327B

**Intakes:** S1 and S2

**Duration:** 1 year FT

**Prerequisites:** none

**Master of Social Research Methods (Advanced):**

**CRICOS code:** 108328A

**Duration:** 1.5 years FT



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ANU is ranked #1 in Australia (and in the top 30 in the world) for 7 disciplines across humanities, arts and social sciences.

\*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

There is a growing demand in Australia and internationally for people with expertise in high-level social research. The Master of Social Research Methods (MSRM) at The Australian National University (ANU) is a professional degree designed to provide training in social science research. Graduates of this program will gain practical skills that can be applied in government and non-government organisations and the private sector.

Graduates with a high level of performance also have a strong foundation for PhD studies.

### Career opportunities

Graduates from ANU have been rated as Australia's most employable graduates and among the most sought after by employers worldwide.

The Global Employability University Ranking 2023-24, published by Times Higher Education, rated ANU as Australia's top university for getting a job for the 14th year in a row.

The solid grounding in research methodology at the heart of the program will open up a range of research career options within government, research organisations and in the private sector.

### Professional outcomes

In a world increasingly reliant on data (big and small), a Master of Social Research Methods from ANU will give you the skills and experience to understand a changing Australian and global society, as well as the political, demographic and economic forces that shape and drive these changes. A Master of Social Research Methods



from POLIS: The Centre for Social Policy Research will equip you with the practical skills to conduct, commission and evaluate research in the social sciences, and give you the opportunity to extend your skills in advanced research methods, and/or apply your skills to real-world policy and societal issues.

### Social Research at ANU

ANU is home to a centre in applied social policy research. POLIS: The Centre for Social Policy Research provides significant Australian capacity in undertaking research into applied social research and evaluation methods. The Centre meets a need for national leadership in research methods, and assists in raising the level of credible evidence-based research to inform and evaluate policy, programs and initiatives. Through this degree, you'll gain access to specialist academics in the field of social research and undertake research-led coursework.

### Advanced Methods and Discipline Courses

After completing Social Research Methods foundation courses, students have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of Advanced Methods or Discipline Courses arranged across a number of themes. These include: Advanced Social Research Methods; Demographic Analysis; Analysing Crime and Justice; Indigenous Research and Policy; Policy Analysis; Politics and Society; and Analysing the Digital.

### Masters of Social Research Methods (Advanced)

Students who meet the requirements can transfer into the Master of Social Research Methods (Advanced) program to gain advanced research skills. In the Master of Social Research Methods (Advanced) you'll undertake an independent research project or thesis on an approved topic, providing a solid foundation for further graduate research in the field of social research.

### Transfer requirements

By transfer from the Master of Social Research Methods, with a weighted average mark of at least 70% in the first 24 units of coursework attempted as well as the approval of an identified supervisor for the research project/thesis.

### Admission requirements

At a minimum, all applicants must meet program-specific academic/non-academic requirements, and English language requirements. Admission to most ANU programs is on a competitive basis. Therefore, meeting all admission requirements does not automatically guarantee entry.

Applicants must present one of the following:

- A cognate Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 5/7
- A Bachelor degree or international equivalent AND a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in a cognate discipline with a minimum GPA of 4/7.

### Cognate disciplines

Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Marketing, Psychology, Development Studies, Media and Communication, Law (social fields: family, migration, education, health), Geography, Social Policy, Anthropology.

### Further information

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