Postgraduate Admissions Statement for MSc Social Science Research Methods (Sociology)

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022.

It should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant prospectus entry and general application guidance.

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Optional Documents

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University’s Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy. Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Performance in undergraduate degree
- Personal statement
- English language ability (where applicable)
- References

We will refer to the personal statement to differentiate between applicants with similar academic profiles. In these cases, we use the following criteria:

- Awareness of quantitative and qualitative methods
- Evidence of quantitative skills

Interviews

Interviews do not form part of the selection process.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above. Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

Deferrals

Requests to defer the year of entry must be submitted via the applicant portal. Requests to defer should be submitted at the earliest opportunity so that it can be reviewed by the admissions team. We cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 29th July 2022. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email choosebristol-pg@bristol.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

Additional information
**Extenuating circumstances**
If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an extenuating circumstances form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

**Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)**
An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

**Visa**
International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. Guidance is available on the University website.

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**Fees and Deposits**

**Fees**
Annual tuition fees are available on the relevant prospectus entry for this programme.

**Deposits**
International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £2000. Further information is available on how to pay programme deposits. Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy.

**Sponsored Students**
Fully sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.