



Queen Margaret University  
EDINBURGH

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

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

### 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

more detail: <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/quality/>