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## Advanced research methodology 812 (SOC 812)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Humanities</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">MSocSci Gender Studies (Coursework)</a> <a href="#">MSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies (Coursework)</a> <a href="#">MSocSci Sociology (Coursework)</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 seminar per week, 1 lecture per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Academic organisation</b>	Sociology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

This course aims to extend the range of research methods and strategies that students are familiar with and to deepen their existing understanding of methods and approaches to social research. Key components are an introduction to the formal university processes in order to obtain permission to enter the research field, the elements of a good research proposal, and strategies for identifying a research area and delineating a question. In addition, the question of why we do social research and the different ways in which research can make a social contribution will be discussed. Finally, we consider how to go about locating a study within a research tradition and linking 'research' and 'theory'. This module requires of students to develop and write a full research proposal.

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