Stage 1 (Pre-Master’s) – Social Science

Duration: 1 semester

Intake: June

The four departments of the Faculty offer [courses](http://www.port.ac.uk/faculty-of-humanities-and-social-sciences/courses/) and undertake [research](http://www.port.ac.uk/faculty-of-humanities-and-social-sciences/research-and-external-partnerships/) in a wide range of subjects - languages, criminology, journalism, education, sociology and politics, among others - covering undergraduate, postgraduate and foundation levels of study.

The Pre-Master’s has been designed for students who wish to study one of the following University of Portsmouth Master’s degree course:

* [Masters in Public Administration (MPA)](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/business-and-management/mpa-masters-in-public-administration/)

*If you want to enter or enhance a career in central, regional or local government, or in organisations in partnerships with governments, this course has been designed to meet your needs. It brings together people from a wide range of organisations to create an inter-cultural, inter-professional and inter-organisational educational environment.*

* [MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/law-and-criminology/msc-criminology-and-criminal-justice/)

*This established programme allows you to develop your understanding of criminological theories of offending and the extent of crime, enabling you to critically examine the role and function of the criminal justice and penal policy process, and the criminal justice policy-making context, in England and Wales. It has been specifically designed for graduates of criminology or other related degrees, for those with criminal justice career aspirations or those already working in the criminal justice arena at all levels.*

* [MSc Criminology and Criminal Psychology](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/law-and-criminology/msc-criminology-and-criminal-psychology/)

*If you want to examine how the science of psychology can further our understanding of offending behaviour and how psychological knowledge is utilised in improving policing and victim services, as well as those working with offenders in order to reduce re-offending, this course will be of interest to you.*

* [MSc Crime Science, Investigation and Intelligence](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/law-and-criminology/msc-crime-science-investigation-and-intelligence/)

*This course will enable you to develop holistic approaches to investigations that embrace the investigative strategies, tools and techniques which advances in the fields of science and technology provide, enhancing your ability to critically evaluate and manage investigations. You will enhance your ability to critically evaluate and manage investigations by embracing the latest developments in investigative strategies, tools and techniques in a proven distance learning model.*

* [MSc Counter Fraud and Counter Corruption Studies](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/law-and-criminology/msc-counter-fraud-and-counter-corruption-studies/)

*Our degree has been specifically designed to meet a growing call for professional counter fraud and corruption staff in public and private sector organisations. This agenda for professionalism has encouraged investment in staff through relevant training and education, such as is provided in this course.*

* [MSc Security Management](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/law-and-criminology/msc-security-management/)

*Security management has become an increasingly important issue in organisations, with many now employing specialists to protect their people, assets, information and reputation from risks such as crime, fraud, accidents and protesters. This course is therefore designed to meet this increased need for enhanced professionalism.*

* [MA International Relations](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/history-politics-and-social-studies/ma-international-relations-and-european-studies/)

*We live in an increasingly turbulent world, wracked by conflict, instability and insecurity. The roots of these problems are highly complex; the challenges involved in delivering greater peace and prosperity cannot be under-estimated. This course is designed for those who recognise the importance of acquiring advanced intellectual skills to be able to understand and analyse current trends in global politics. It studies a broad sweep of issues in international relations, including the rise of fundamentalist terrorism, the resurgence of Russia, the spread of globalisation and the emergence of new regional powers on the world stage.*

* [MSc Educational Leadership and Management](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/education-childhood-and-youth-studies/msc-educational-leadership-and-management/)

*If you want to develop your leadership and management knowledge and skills in educational settings and organisations, you will find that this course provides you with that opportunity. The programme aims to support reflection and empowerment for the professional working in the field of education.*

**Course information**

One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning. This programme is comprised of 80 credit points, equivalent to 800 notional hours comprised of 216 contact hours and 584 self-directed hours. You will study the following modules over one semester:

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| **Module Name** | **Module Code** | **Core/ Option** | **Credit** | **Assessment Type** | **Weighting (%)** |
| Research Methods for PG Study  **Contact hours per week:** **6h** | PGMB101 | Core | 20 | (A) Protocol for mini-dissertation | 30 |
| (B) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 70 |
| Principles of Social Science  **Contact hours per week:** **6h** | PGSS102 | Core | 20 | (A) Short answers paper - Social Sciences: Knowledge and concepts | 40 |
| (B) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Interactive Learning Skills and Communication  **Contact hours per week:** **6h** | ILSCPGB | Core | 20 | (A) Comparison of two opposing theoretical positions | 30 |
| (B) Chairing a meeting to secure productive outcomes | 20 |
| (C) Critique of a published academic paper in the relevant subject domain | 40 |
| (D) 2 hour closed book exam | 10 |
| Mini Dissertation  **Contact hours per week:** **3h** | PGMB103 | Core | 20 | (A) Dissertation | 100 |

You will be required to pass all modules (80 credits) in order to successfully complete Stage 2 (Master’s Degree).