



Module Title: Researching Society 2

Module Code: SOU33012

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- **ECTS Weighting: 5**
- **Semester/Term Taught: Hilary term**
- **Contact Hours: 1 x lecture weekly, 1 x lab**
- **Module Personnel: Dr Yekaterina Chzhen**

Module Learning Aims and Outcomes:

Students successfully completing this module (SOU33011) will be able to:

- Understand the mainstream quantitative methods used in published sociological research.
- Distinguish between different types of popular statistical techniques used in quantitative research.
- Construct and test hypotheses derived from social science theories using social survey data and statistical software (Stata).

Module Content:

The module Researching Society provides students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to pursue a wide range of social research. It serves both as a free-standing module and as preparation for students to conduct original research and complete a research dissertation in their Senior Sophister year. This part of the module (SOU33011) continues on from the Introduction to Social Research in second year, which covered survey design, sampling, data collection techniques and basic descriptive analysis methods. This term gives further instruction in inferential statistics for social scientists (lectures) and analysis of real empirical data (labs) using a popular statistical software package (Stata).

Recommended Reading List:

Core textbook:

- Agresti, Alan and Finlay, Barbara (2014). Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences.

Optional texts on statistics, quantitative methods and social research methodology

- Babbie, E. (2013) The Practice of Social Research.



- Goldthorpe, J. H. (2016). Sociology as a Population Science.
- Hoover, K. R., & Donovan, T. (2011). The Elements of Social Scientific Thinking
- Knoke, D., Bohrnstedt, G. W., & Mee, A. P. (2002). Statistics for Social Data Analysis
- Moore, D.S., McCabe, G.P. and Craig, B.A. (2017) Introduction to the Practice of Statistics.
- Treiman, D. J. (2009). Quantitative Data Analysis: Doing Social Research to Test Ideas.
- Wooldridge, J.M. (2016) Introductory econometrics: A modern approach.

Module Pre-Requisite: SOU22011, SOU22012, SOU33011

Module Co-Requisite:

Assessment Details: The module is assessed by coursework, consisting of two components:

- Assignment 1 (40%)
- Assignment 2 (60%)

Both assignments involve analysing a dataset using Stata 17 to answer specific research questions, interpreting the estimates, presenting the results using tables and graphs and summarising the findings.

Module Website: