

ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Unlock your research potential with the MA in Social Science Data Analysis

- The Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis offers a unique opportunity to pursue an **MA in Social Science Data Analysis**, designed to equip you with advanced research methodologies and data analysis techniques.
- **Overview:** The MA programme focuses on quantitative social science data analysis, providing a comprehensive curriculum that includes four courses—two of which must be advanced-level.
- **Expert instruction:** Learn from internationally renowned faculty members who are leaders in their fields.
- **Flexible learning:** Tailor your studies to fit your schedule, with the option to complete the program over several summers.
- **Comprehensive curriculum:** Gain proficiency in a broad range of research methods and data analysis techniques.
- **How to apply:** Interested candidates should contact the ESS office at essexsummerschoolssda@essex.ac.uk. The application process involves submitting a CV, a brief description of research interests, and a research proposal. Successful applicants will be paired with a supervisor to guide them through their thesis.

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New Courses for 2025

Enhance your research skills and stay ahead in your field with these cutting-edge courses at Essex Summer School.

3B Online
2 WKS
35 HRS

Generative AI for Social Science Research

Discover generative AI's potential in social science research with this online course, covering its principles and applications for innovative research.

2R Hybrid
2 WKS
35 HRS

Analysing Multimodal Language Data for Quantitative Social Science

Learn to analyse multimodal language data with this comprehensive course, covering techniques for handling and interpreting diverse data sources to gain valuable insights in quantitative social science research.

2C In person
2 WKS
35 HRS

Applied Discourse Analysis Methods for Social Sciences: from theory to practice

Dive into discourse analysis with this in-depth course, covering theory and practice to help participants analyse and interpret discourse in social science research.

2P Hybrid
1 WK
17.5 HRS

AI-Enhanced Research Design

Explore the integration of artificial intelligence in research design. This course focuses on how AI can enhance various aspects of research, from data collection to analysis, providing participants with innovative tools and methodologies.

2W Hybrid
2 WKS
35 HRS

Advanced Methods for Time Series and Panel Data

This course covers advanced techniques for analysing time series and panel data, helping participants uncover patterns using sophisticated statistical methods.

[2025 ESS course list](#)



Scholarship Opportunities

The Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis is committed to making advanced methodological training accessible to students from diverse backgrounds.

We are excited to offer two fantastic scholarship opportunities in 2025

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Vera E. Troeger Scholarship

This scholarship is open to female students currently enrolled in Political Science PhD programmes. It provides a tuition waiver to attend one of our two-week in-person sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for female scholars to advance their research skills and network with peers and experts in the field.

[Apply now](#)

Application Process

To apply for these scholarships, candidates must submit the following:

- A cover letter detailing their research area, the course they intend to take, and how it will benefit their dissertation.
- A current CV.
- Proof of enrolment in a relevant PhD programme.

Deadlines and Notifications

Application deadline is **15 May 2025**, 5pm (BST), with awardees notified by **27 May 2025**.

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Global South Scholarship

Designed for PhD students in Political Science from the Global South, this scholarship aims to provide advanced methodological training. The scholarship covers tuition for one of our two-week intermediate or advanced sessions, which can be attended in person or virtually. This initiative supports students in enhancing their research capabilities.

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Hear from Our Alumni

At Essex Summer School, we believe in the transformative power of advanced methodological training. But the Summer School isn't just about academic training; it's also about creating memorable experiences outside of the classroom. Our vibrant social programmes offer a fantastic opportunity to unwind, network, and make lifelong friends. From cultural excursions to social events, there's always something fun happening to complement your learning experience.

The Essex Summer School has been such a great experience, giving me tons of useful insights into advanced data analysis techniques that I'm excited to put into practice in my research. I highly recommend the Essex Summer School – it's been a fantastic opportunity to learn from experts and connect with like-minded researchers.

-ESS participant, 2024, *Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) and Structural Equation Modeling (SEM); Web Scraping and Data Management*

The course was great, really enjoyed it and felt I got a lot out of it – the combination of the theoretical and the methodological steps have provided me with tools for the PhD and required a renewed and deeper exploration of discourse analysis, giving me a lot to think about for the road ahead.

-ESS participant, 2023, *Doing Discourse Analysis: Populism, Neoliberalism and Radical Democratic Politics*

There is quite a large social aspect to attending the summer school; with a planned activity every night. I exclusively met nice people during my time in Essex, both during these activities and class. All of my class mates were motivated to learn and a joy to have worked with.

[My Essex Summer School Experience - Matthew Moore, PhD Researcher](#)

I really enjoyed this course and found it incredibly helpful. It has provided me with a bank of knowledge and resources that I am looking forward to returning to over the course of my studies.

-ESS participant, 2023, *Introduction to Regression*

Our testimonials page features more inspiring stories from past participants who have leveraged their learning to achieve remarkable success in their academic and professional journeys. Explore their experiences, insights, and the lasting impact that Essex Summer School has had on their careers.

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