

### **Which students will take the core quantitative methods course in 2012?**

Check which group you/your student falls into, from the categories a-c below. There is also a summary table at the end. The situation is necessarily somewhat fluid in the first year of the DTC's operation, and will be influenced by individual circumstances, the full range of which are impossible to predict in advance. If there is any doubt the student/supervisor/departmental DTC contact should get in touch with Alan Pickering ([a.pickering@gold.ac.uk](mailto:a.pickering@gold.ac.uk)). If you/your student are/is currently undertaking postgrad research training (eg a Masters), and are/is thinking of applying for a +3 DTC funded award to begin in 2012 (or subsequently), then you need to consult both a) and c) below to make sure you/they will have completed most of the DTC's core quantitative research methods training ("core quants") this year.

- a) *All 1+3 or +4 MPhil/PhD students doing social science PhDs in the DTC departments/schools from Queen Mary (QM) and Goldsmiths* will be strongly encouraged to take the DTC "core quants" course in the 1 year of their PhD. The course will be **obligatory** for any student who has a 1+3 or +4 DTC funded award, and is likely to be critical for many non-DTC/self funded students who wish to apply subsequently for a DTC funded +3 award, starting in 2012 or later.

#### Notes and Details:

- In the first (transitional) year of the DTC (2011-12) any core research training undertaken at Goldsmiths will be eligible to count as "Approved Prior Learning" (APL). APL can be used to exempt a student from (parts of) the research training requirements that relate to future DTC +3 funded awards. See c) below for more details.
  - 1+3 PhD students in psychology (at Goldsmiths), sociology and economics who are completing their "research methods" Masters courses in 2011-12, will be eligible for a full exemption (wrt *quantitative* methods training) via the APL route, as these Masters courses each provide all the required core quantitative methods training. Such students do not need to attend any part of the DTC-run "core quants" course. The coverage of core quantitative method topics by courses in other departments/schools within our DTC is much less complete. Students in these other departments are strongly encouraged to attend the DTC "core quants" course, esp. if they are considering applying for DTC +3 funding (October 2012 entry).
  - From the 2012 entry cohort onwards, any DTC 1+3 award will require the recipient to undertake a DTC-approved Masters in year 1 of the award. With the exception of geography, all these courses will need approving (by the host university and the DTC) before the start of the 2012-13 academic session.
  - In the case of economics, sociology and psychology (at Goldsmiths) the former Masters courses (approved under the preceding ESRC training regime) will need very little modifying in order to satisfy what was proposed in our DTC bid. As a minimum, they will need retitling to indicate they are a new, and DTC-compliant, course. Other courses will need much more work.
- b) *All students on the new Geography MRes courses commencing in Autumn 2011* will take the DTC "core quants" course. This will be part of a larger course within their MRes (Introduction to social research methods) and will carry 30 of the 60 credits for the larger course. The other 30 credits will be contributed by the "core quants" training, run by the DTC.
- c) *+3 DTC-funded students* may, or may not, need to complete some of the DTC "core quants" course depending on individual circumstances. Having been awarded a +3 award implies that a significant amount of core research training will have been completed previously, and on this basis +3 DTC funded students will be fully or partially exempted from the core quantitative

methods training covered in the DTC course. The extent of the exemption will be based on a consideration of a student's prior postgraduate quantitative methods research training. This uses the accredited prior learning (APL) route, and is considered on a case-by-case basis (to check your exemption, you must contact Alan Pickering at the email given above). If exemption is partial, and based on APL achieved via other prior courses, then any missing elements can be studied within the DTC core quants course, during the first year of the +3 award. In future years, if the prior training is from a DTC-accredited training programme then there will usually be a full exemption from the DTC core quants training.

### 2011/12 Entry Cohort

Year of entry	PhD Pathway at entry	Funding	DTC disciplines	How core quants will be achieved	Status	Notes
2011-12	1+3	DTC	Geography	Via DTC-run course forming part of newly DTC-accredited MRes	Obligatory	
2011-12	1+3	Other	All except geography	Via DTC-run course as standalone	One recommended option	This will allow student to meet the core quants requirements for a +3 DTC award to start in 2012-13 or later
2011-12	1+3	Other	All except geography	By taking research methods masters run in departments (courses approved under the preceding ESRC regime)	Another recommended option	ditto
2011-12	+3/+4	DTC	All (ie all those with awards)	By full or majority exemption based on APL provided typically by previous Masters qualifications with quants research training element	Must consult Alan Pickering regarding exemptions	Partial exemptions; make up missing elements by attending relevant parts of DTC standalone course in year 1 of +3
2011-12	+3/+4	Other	All	Ditto	Recommended option	Ditto

## 2012/13 Entry Cohort

2012-13	1+3	DTC	Geography plus any others who create new MRes /training courses which will use the DTC-run core quants course	Via DTC-run course forming part of DTC-accredited MRes	Obligatory	The "others" are those who promised to do so in the DTC bid document
2012-13	1+3	DTC	Sociology Psychology (Goldsmiths) Economics	As part of new DTC-accredited MRes courses starting in 2012-13 based closely on existing Masters	Obligatory	Generic core quants could be taught via DTC-run course
2012-13	1+3	DTC	Others not covered in above 2 rows	Via mechanism described in the DTC bid document or close alternative	Obligatory	Need to ensure what is in bid document is ready to run
2012-13	1+3	Other	All except geography	Via DTC-run course as standalone	A recommended option	
2012-13	+3/+4	DTC	All	By full or majority exemption based on APL provided typically by previous Masters qualifications with quants research training element	Must consult Alan Pickering regarding exemption	Full exemption will derive from courses such as DTC-accredited Masters courses from any DTC; partial exemptees make up missing elements via DTC course
2012-13	+3/+4	Other	All	Ditto	Recommended option	Ditto