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Geography Taught Masters Programmes Taster Session

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An aerial photograph of a mountainous region. In the foreground, a village with several small buildings is situated on a hillside. A large, reddish-brown landslide is visible on the slope below the village. In the background, a massive, light-colored landslide covers a large portion of a mountain slope. The sky is hazy and blue.

Session Outline

1. Course Structure Overview
2. Our teaching philosophy
3. Taster Session
4. Q&A
5. Where to find out more

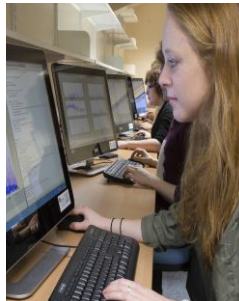
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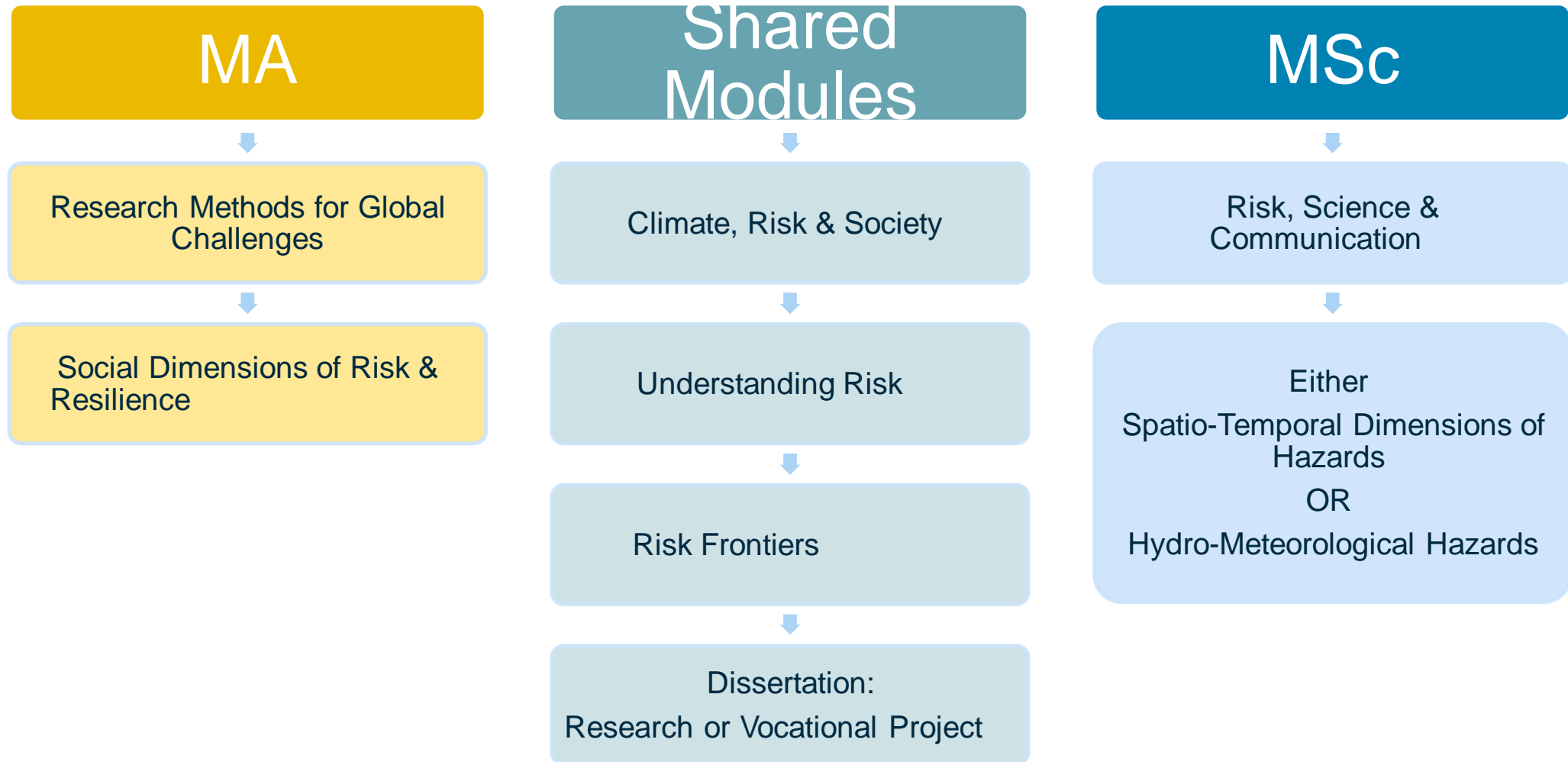


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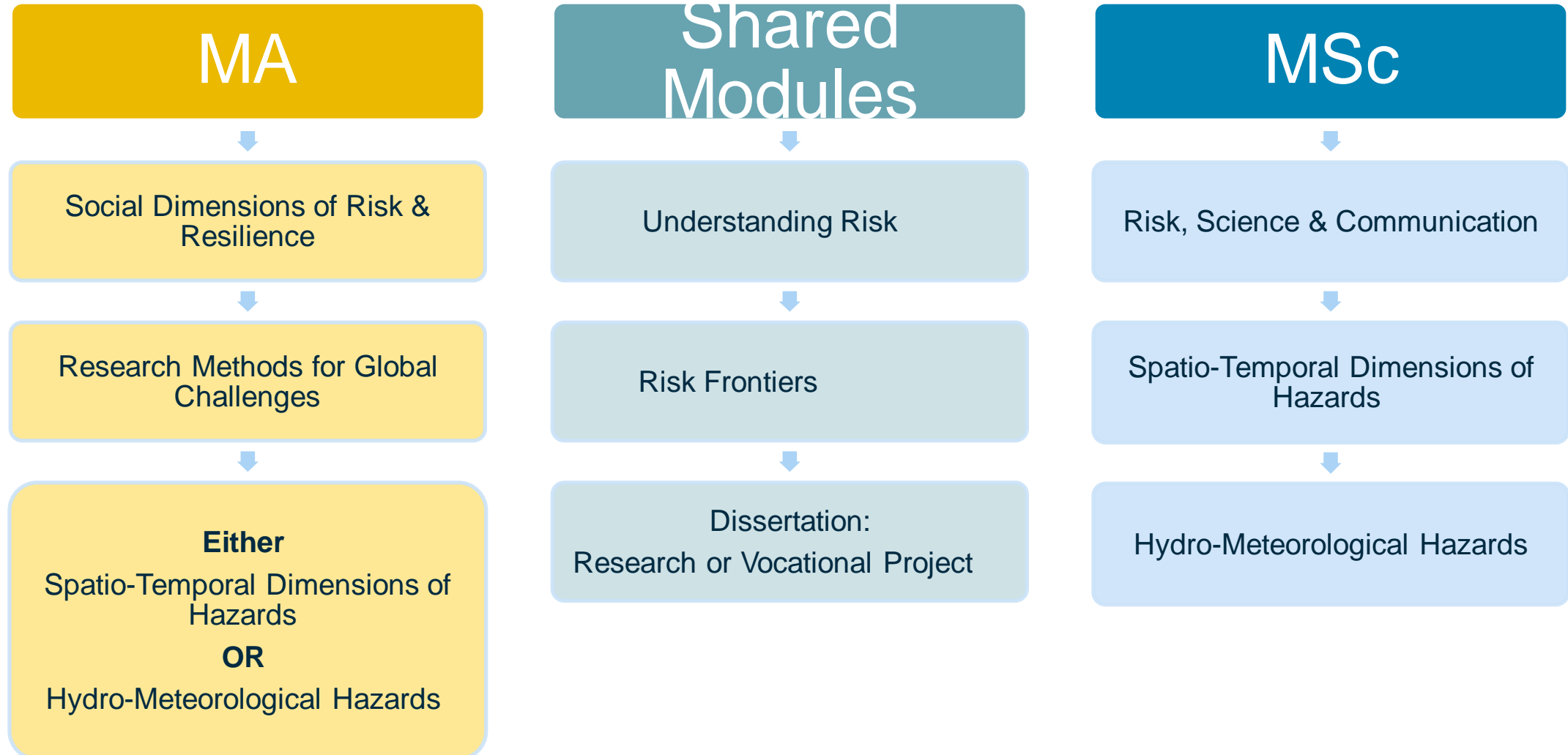
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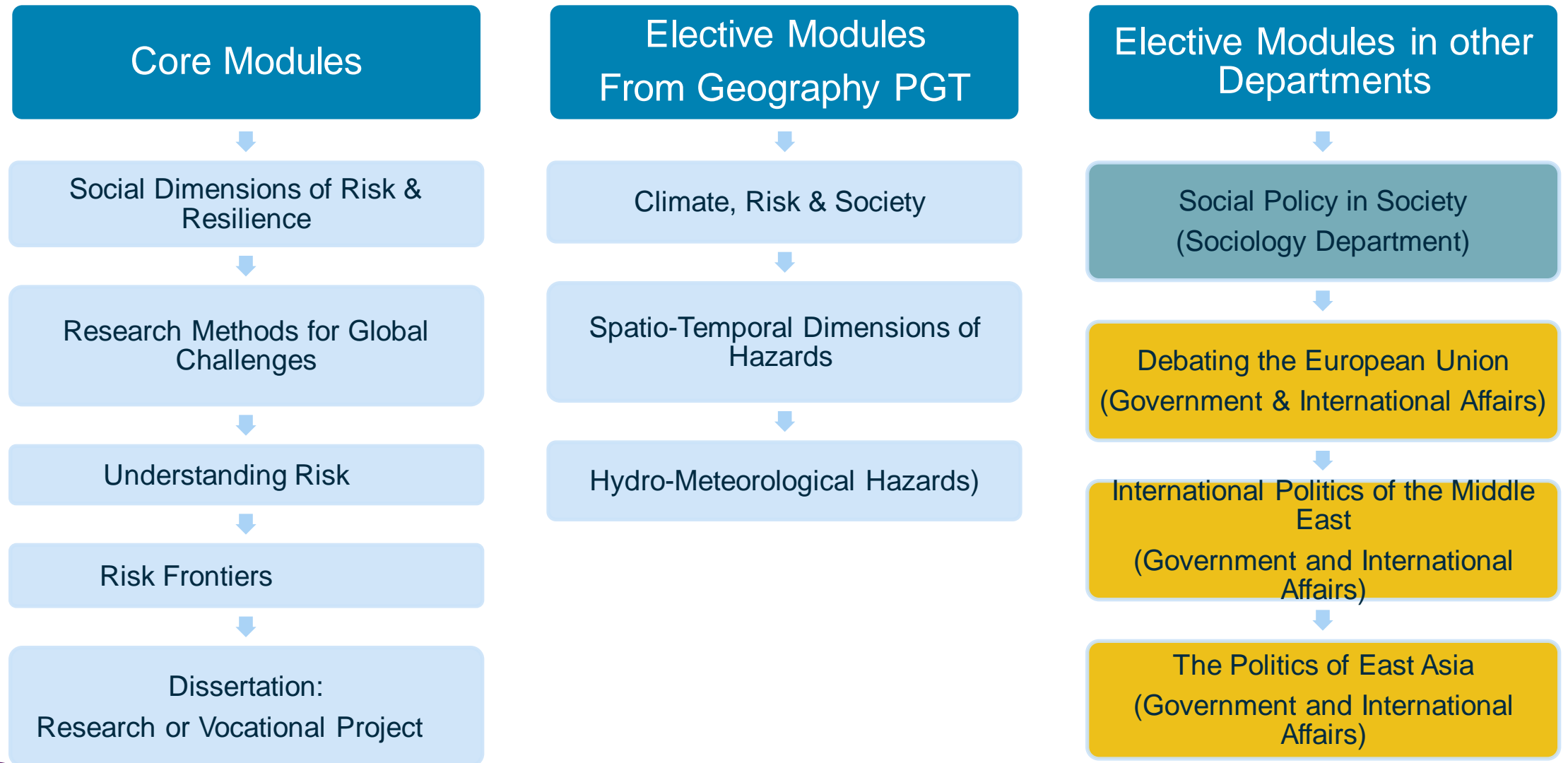
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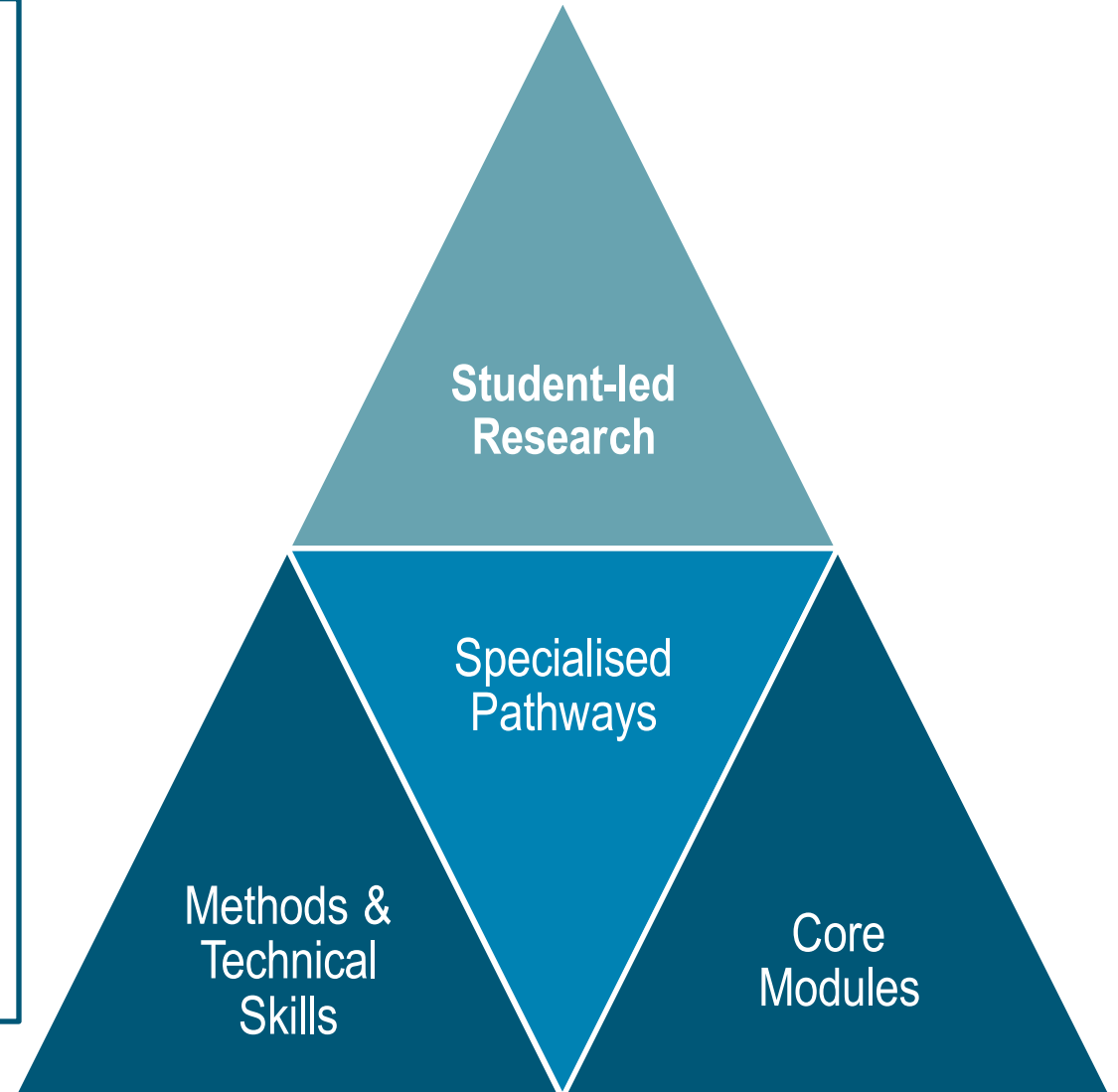
What is our teaching philosophy?

Our programmes are designed to:

- Build confidence.
- Encourage independence.
- Develop critical thinking.

To accomplish this, we:

- Teach for multiple learning styles.
- Give practical feedback on skills development
- Assess your learning of core knowledge and key skills in each pathway.



Teaching Methods



Module and course timetables vary weekly. Contact time depends on module activities and content.

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Lectures

1-2 hours per module, 4-8 weeks per term.

Overview of learning objectives

Introduction to key concepts

Seminars, Workshops, Tutorials

1-4 hours per module, 3-5 weeks per term.

Small and large group discussion

Real-world scenarios

Deep engagement with readings, lectures

Practical Sessions

2 hr per module, 2-5 weeks per term.

Hands-on learning activities

Practice using research methods

Work with different kinds of data

Guided Independent Study

1:1 dissertation supervision

Preparatory readings & tasks for each module

Guided research for assignments

How we support your learning



Classroom Activities

Unmarked feedback on assignment preparation

Small group discussion

Verbal instructor and peer feedback on ideas

Tailored Support

Academic Advising

Dissertation Supervision

1:1 meetings with staff

Key staff contact for questions, concerns

Assess Knowledge & Skills

Research Dissertations & Consultative Reports

Essays & Research Reports

Written Examinations

Oral Presentations

Podcasts

Portfolios

Questions?



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Taster Session

Dr Sarah Knuth

Climate, Risk & Society Module

Compulsory for Climate, Risk & Society degrees

Dr Lauren Martin

Understanding Risk Module

Compulsory for all PGT students

Questions?

How can you find out more?

Join us for our Progress to Postgrad Sessions

Want to learn more about what being a Durham Postgraduate student is like? These sessions are your chance to learn more from our staff and students with the opportunity to pose any questions you have to them. Our students love to talk about their experience as a Durham student, so join us virtually and discover more about Durham!

[Sign up for sessions →](#)

In July our sessions will focus on information for International students. With sessions to help you hit the round running when you start your Durham journey.

- Preparing, planning & packing for International Students
 - Thursday 12:00 hrs 6th July 2023
 - Wednesday 20:00 hrs 19th July 2023
- Bringing your family to Durham
 - Thursday 20:00 hrs 13th July 2023
 - Wednesday 12:00 hrs 26th July 2023

Sign up for our Postgraduate Monthly Webinar series

We have invited experts from across the University to provide you with engaging and helpful content to guide you on your journey to postgraduate study with us at Durham. We will be focusing on a different topic each month, so you'll be able to select the sessions which are most relevant to you.

[Sign up here →](#)

Coming Up...

Our sessions will be a combination of informative presentations coupled with plenty of opportunity for questions as we set out to prepare you as much as we can for your time with us as a postgraduate student.

CAS Process for Offer Holders

If you are an international student, you will need a student visa to study in the UK, you'll need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) before you apply for it. In this session we have invited experts from our admissions team to unpick the CAS process and explain it to you in more detail. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions so make sure you sign up for this informative session!

Date: 29th June 2023

Time: 12pm (BST)

[Book now](#)

Living in vs Living out

Our collegiate system makes Durham exceptional. Here, every student is a proud member of a college, regardless of whether you 'live in' student accommodation or 'live out' in private housing. To help you explore both options fully, we have invited a panel of current postgraduate students to weigh up the benefits of living in vs living out of college. Join this session to hear first-hand from the experts themselves and take the opportunity to ask them lots of questions.

Date: 27th July 2023

Time: 6pm (BST)

[Book now](#)



Thank you! Questions?

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