

Research Masters: Research forms and tools in social science

Master of Social Science
Sociology Honours
Research forms and tools in social science studies

This Master is split into four courses at Lyon University:

- > Contemporary Society Analysis
- > Social anthropology applied to local development
- > Sociology and organisation development
- > Research forms and tools in social science (JMU-Saint-Etienne)

Objectives

Research forms and tools in social science is designed to teach core sociologist knowledge and expertise.

It provides access to careers in research and teaching as well as any profession requiring the study of social science, its different forms and tools (cartography, digital etc.)

It focuses specifically on urban professions in the public, private and associative sector, careers in social intervention, consultancy and new digital cultures.

Who's it for?

Entry requirements

- > Students with a Bachelor of Sociology or Social Science.
- > Students from other subjects will have their application reviewed by a board whose decision is final. Admission to the Master 1 may require a bridging course in certain fields.

- > Prepare your Master application
- > Application terms

Skills

Skills specific to each area of sociological research:

- > knowledge of sociological literature and its analysis models and ability to articulate different perspectives
- > handling of qualitative and quantitative methodological tools (observation, thoughts about tools, interview management, document collection and analysis, statistical methods, text, speech and network analysis methods, case analyses, image analysis etc.)
- > ability to build a line of thought around the research subject and point of view from the report to the field

investigation

- > ability to identify social and political uses for findings
- > ability to document different contexts (historical, economic, legal etc.) for the social phenomena analysed
- > ability to draft a research thesis completely independently

Cross-disciplinary skills in different fields of application for sociological research knowledge:

- > study and diagnosis (populations or territories), evaluation (projects, programmes or public policies), project drafting and management (territory, establishments etc.), monitoring (documentary, social, territorial etc.), organisation (coordination of teams, networks, institutional regulations), decision-making (audits, recommendations, advice etc.), communication (processing, promotion, distribution, information reproduction), management (accounting, human resources).

What's next?

Continuing education

On completion of the Master, students with sociology honours can begin work on a thesis so, on the one hand they can have a career as a university research professor or researcher in major research bodies (CNRS, IRD, INRA etc.) and on the other hand (such as CIFRE theses), work in applied research, project coordination or technical consultancy in public or private organisations.

Prospects

- > **Research-based careers:**

head of research or studies in various public or private structures (observatories, firms and design offices, research centres etc.).

- > **Careers based on the application of sociological expertise:**

multiple prospects namely in organisations structuring local, cultural, social and sanitary work, community-oriented economy.

There are also consultancy prospects in work organisations and human resources.