

School of Sociology & Social Policy



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The School Environment



Sociology & Social Policy at Nottingham

- Large and friendly School in campus location, with the city a short bus-ride away
- Very highly rated for research, and for student experience:
 - 90% of research “world leading” or “international quality” (RAE, 2008)
 - National Student Survey (2012) satisfaction rates:
 - Sociology – 90%
 - Social Policy – 89%

Why Sociology, Social Policy or Criminology?

- Real-life social issues: relevant & accessible
- Understanding how societies work and what can be done when they don't
- Concern to promote social and global justice – making a difference
- Developing research skills alongside theoretical knowledge

Our degree programmes

BA Sociology (L300)

- What social structures shape our lives?
- How have inequalities of wealth & power come about? How are they reproduced?

BA Sociology/Social Policy (LL34)

- The above PLUS focus on social problems e.g. poverty, crime, unemployment
- Focus on welfare: how does the state address these problems through policy?



Our degree programmes

BA Criminology & Sociology (1L22)

BA Criminology & Social Policy (8L67)

- Both degree programmes explore important questions about society, policy & crime, including the following: Who decides what constitutes a crime or 'deviant' behaviour? How is punishment applied and by whom? Why are crime rates higher in some areas than others? How are judicial & penal systems experienced by different social groups?

Sociology: Standalone, or with a pathway

- ‘Clusters’ of interconnected courses that offer an opportunity to focus studies within the Sociology degree:
 - Sociology ‘with’ *Culture, Identity and Deviance*
 - Sociology ‘with’ *Global Studies and Human Rights*
 - Sociology ‘with’ *Science, Environment and Health*
 - Sociology ‘with’ *Policy and Social Justice*
- Choice *within* pathways and *across* them
- Standalone degree still possible
- Pathways chosen at the end of the first year

Lots of choice

Students have told us that they like to have some choice and flexibility in what they study



Hence the Sociology pathways and considerable choice, particularly in 2nd and 3rd years

Tuition and assessment methods

- Variety of teaching methods, including lectures, workshops, seminars, tutorials, dissertation master classes and one-to-one tuition
- Variety of assessments after each semester, including exams, essays (1,500-5,000 words), research reports, case studies, projects and 12,000 word dissertation

Student support

- Comprehensive induction programme in week 1
- VLE – slides, readings & resources on Moodle
- Written, prompt feedback on assessments
- Study skills workshops
- In-school careers events & Careers Advantage Award
- Placement module in Year 2
- Opportunities for overseas study
- Office hours
- Student common room and IT facilities



Careers

Our graduates go into a wide range of careers, e.g.

- Officer in NGO e.g. Red Cross
- Youth and Community Workers
- Financial management/management consultancy
- Teaching
- Journalism
- Accountancy
- PR
- Marketing



Places

BA Sociology – 60 places

BA Sociology/Social Policy – 35 places

BA Criminology/Sociology – 20 places

BA Criminology/Social Policy – 20 places

[plus BA Social Work and Social Policy – 30 places]



We recruit flexibly across our programmes, according to demand.

Entry profiles

- A-levels: ABB
- IB: 32 points
- **No** requirement for Sociology A-level : around 50% of our intake do **not** have Sociology A-level
- We welcome applications from those with non-standard qualifications
- Diverse student body



Questions?

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