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Sociology Alumni profiles

Alumni profiles in Sociology at Birmingham in the Department of Political Science and International Studies.

Laurin Weissinger, BA Sociology (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/weissinger-laurin.aspx)

Currently, I am staying in Oxford and preparing my PhD research that I hope to start this year. Before coming to Oxford, I worked for a while, both at an executive recruitment consultancy in London and full-time in IT.

Nadine Baldwick, BA Sociology and Philosophy (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/baldwick-nadine.aspx)

My advice to anyone considering studying at Birmingham would be to make the most of your time at university by supplementing your degree with other activities.

Ana Speed, Sociology BA (2009) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/ana-speed.aspx)

I have always had a keen interest in social structures and interactions and studying social sciences at the University of Birmingham provided me opportunity to critically engage with key political, social and economic issues facing contemporary societies.

Elio Di Muccio (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/elio-di-muccio.aspx)

I am an aspiring PhD student in the social sciences with intellectual interests in documentary and archival research on the British state, the sociology of technology, and contemporary networked social and political movements.

Veronika Fafienski, BA Sociology (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/fafienski-veronika.aspx)

Studying at The University of Birmingham has been such an exciting and rewarding experience. When I first arrived, I was instantly captivated by the campus atmosphere. All the things you need as a freshly baked student – department, the library, student union and all the friends you made along the way – were in one place. Of course everyone is unique but for my part I can say that at Birmingham I have been able to set the foundations for both career and personal development.

Elena Lynch, BA Sociology (2011) with International Study Year (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/lynch-elena.aspx)

What I found most beneficial about taking the course was the ability to study a wide range of issues that have, and arguably still do, affected our daily lives. For example, I found the study of multiculturalism particularly interesting especially whilst living in as culturally diverse a city as Birmingham.

Charlotte Barnard, BA Sociology (2011) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/barnard-charlotte.aspx)

Sociology has developed my way of thinking. Before I used to look for answers that were matter of fact and obvious, but Sociology taught me to 'think outside the box' and explore my own logical interpretations and challenge others.

Abi Gill, BA Sociology (2010) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/gill-abi.aspx)

The teaching quality is outstanding and staff go out of their way to support students throughout their degrees and also beyond with applications for jobs and further study. Crucially, studying Sociology develops the transferable skills that graduate employers desire in their applicants and the fact that Birmingham is a Redbrick has really advanced my career and further education options.

Rosie Jennings, BA Sociology (2010) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/jennings-rosie.aspx)

I found that the course gave you a lot of freedom to tailor your own learning. There were a lot of module options to choose from as well as the core subjects in sociological theory. As a result the knowledge I got from the course was balanced and of interest to me personally.

Laura Greaves, BA Sociology (2010) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/greaves-laura.aspx)

The sociology programme was challenging especially when tackling the theoretical aspects of the course. However the broad choice in interesting and relevant topics such as, Gender and Sexuality, and Family, kept the theoretical side of study contemporary and most importantly interesting.

Sundeep Johal, BA Sociology (2010) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/johal-sundeep.aspx)

What made this programme stand out for me was the dedication of the lecturers which helped further strengthened my passion for the subject. The knowledge and support I gained from lecturers was priceless and provided me with an ideal foundation for my chosen career: social work. This course is ideal for anyone with the desire to question the taken-for-granted aspects of society and will be sure to challenge and stimulate the mind."

Jemma George, BA Sociology (2008) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/george-jemma.aspx)

Birmingham is a fantastic and vibrant city. The University campus is just two stops away from the city centre so it's brilliant if you want to explore the area. The University Main Library hosts most of the Social Sciences material and is an excellent resource for students. My fondest memories were being part of the Social Sciences Society and getting to organise events and nights out for SSS members.

Katie Ramsay, BA Sociology (2007) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/ramsay-katie.aspx)

I am still fascinated by sociology and my love for travel has been greatly enhanced by my sociological background. I spent one year driving through Africa and often found myself dissecting my experiences and surroundings in a sociological way.

Dalvinder Singh, BA Sociology (2006) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/singh-dalvinder.aspx)

Do the reading each week, study hard in your last two years. Try to get some work experience or an internship whilst at Uni, as this could be invaluable experience or can lead to a job offer once you've graduated.

Emily Gray, BA Sociology (2002) and MA Social Research Methods (Cultural Studies and Sociology) (2005) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/gray-emily.aspx)

I found both of my courses challenging for varying reasons. Intellectually they challenged the way I thought about the social world and led me to question my own place within the social world.

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