

# BSc(Hons) Social Sciences with professional placement (UHSP-AKB37)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	BSc(Hons) Social Sciences with professional placement
<b>Route(s)</b>	BSc(Hons) Social Sciences with professional placement
<b>Awarding body</b>	University of Bath
<b>Award</b>	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
<b>Award name</b>	Bachelor with Honours
<b>Course mode of delivery</b>	Thick sandwich (Full-time on campus)
<b>Course length</b>	4 years
<b>Entry point</b>	September 2024
<b>Main location of study</b>	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
<b>Course-owning school/department</b>	Social & Policy Sciences

## Course Description

**Course Summary** Focus on contemporary issues of social change and justice with a course that gives you the freedom to study a broad range of social science topics.

**Course Description** This course allows you to explore the areas of social science that you are most interested in. Its interdisciplinary nature covers topics such as sociology, international development, social policy and criminology.

You'll study these in depth and develop relevant research skills. We'll support you to build your degree around your aims and aspirations. You can also take units focused on economics, psychology and management for an even more diverse experience.

In Year 1, you'll develop your understanding of how society works and the factors that influence social change. You'll study social policy and sociology, as well as optional criminology and international development units. Through tutorials focused on developing key academic skills, you'll also learn how to evaluate data and information to develop arguments for different audiences.

Year 2 will develop your understanding of research methods and sources of data. You'll be able to continue a broad-based approach or choose to specialise in specific areas - such as policy, social theory, or justice and conflict.

In your final year, you'll do your dissertation. This will make use of a range of methodological skills you'll develop during the course. You'll also choose from a range of optional units from across the social sciences. These will allow you to build upon the theoretical understanding you'll gain during years 1 and 2 and apply it to contemporary sociological issues.

The flexibility of this course will allow you to create a degree that's tailored to your interests and potential future career.

Informed teaching to advance your learning

You'll learn from teaching staff with diverse backgrounds and expertise in different

areas of social sciences. Their passion, knowledge and research shape their teaching to enhance your learning experience.

Develop your professional skills

We work to provide you with the tools and support to prepare you for employment and further study. These include:

- critical and analytical thinking
- quantitative skills to apply to real-world challenges
- presentation and communication skills
- adaptability and resilience.

## Contact hours

Contact hours

Timetabled contact hours, which may be made up of laboratory sessions, lectures, practical sessions, seminars, tutorials and workshops, vary throughout your course and between courses but are typically between 8 and 12 hours a week in your first year.

Our teaching for this course is delivered through in-person learning on campus, supported by high quality online provision. A small proportion of these contact hours may be delivered online, with the significant majority taught on campus. This may be supplemented by additional activities such as a small number of online learning sessions (not live), skills development sessions, and personal tutorials.

The amount of timetabled sessions on campus in later years may vary based on the options you choose, with a greater emphasis on independent learning. Project and dissertation units will generally have fewer scheduled sessions to allow you time for your independent work - this may also mean the number of hours of timetabled sessions each week will vary within a year.

Independent learning

In addition to timetabled contact hours, you are expected to undertake independent learning and assessment activities. Typically, this might be around 23 to 32 hours per week in your first year, and include individual research, reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, preparing coursework assignments, presentations, or revising for exams. After your first year, the emphasis on independent learning becomes greater, for example, you may do a final year project in the final year. You'll be expected to work both on your own and as part of a group.

## Delivery methods

Laboratory sessions  
Lectures  
Practical sessions  
Seminars  
Tutorials  
Workshops

## Assessment summary

You will be assessed in a range of methods designed to develop and test your skills and knowledge.

10% to 25% of your course will be assessed through examinations.

75% to 90% will be assessed through essays, reports, and presentations.

The final degree classification is determined by your second and final year marks and each contributes 32% and 68% respectively.

You will primarily be assessed as an individual, but may also be assessed as part of a group.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities, take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

## Assessment methods

Report  
Examinations

## Placement/Study Year Abroad details

Presentations  
Essay

Doing a professional placement allows you to use what you've learnt in a practical context and enhance your CV. You'll find out about the organisation you join and how it works, while learning more about potential future careers. Some students have been offered graduate roles following placements.

You'll develop skills like planning, problem-solving, decision making and project management.

Employers often value placements, so you could gain an advantage in the job market.

We have established links and partnerships with many organisations.

Previous students on similar courses have done their placements with commercial, voluntary or government organisations, or in research settings. These have included:

- HM Revenue and Customs
- Home Office
- National Literacy Trust
- World Child Cancer

Placement opportunities can't be guaranteed but you will receive tailored support from our dedicated placement team.

Prepare for your future career

Many of our social sciences graduates have gone on to work as social and policy researchers, civil servants, international consultants, journalists, and accountants.

They've gone on to work in:

- government departments
- social enterprises and charities
- European and international agencies and organisations
- Social care and family services
- international development
- public policy consultancy

## Careers and professional development

## Course Assessment Regulations

<b>Applicable Assessment Regulations</b>	Undergraduate assessment regulations - <a href="https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/">https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/</a>
<b>Exemptions from Regulations</b>	N
<b>Weighting of each Study Year</b>	Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Stage 3: 0% Final Stage: 68%
<b>Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?</b>	SA

## Course Structure

### Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
AY	SP12002	The making of modern society	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
AY	SP12003	Social problems, social change and the state	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S1	SP12001	Becoming a social scientist 1	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S1	SP12009	Understanding social change	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S2	SP12010	Becoming a social scientist 2	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	

**FHEQ level 4 - Title** Year 1 Options

**FHEQ level 4 - Total credits in this study yr** 10

**FHEQ level4 - Overview of options in this study yr** In Year 1, you will study 10 credits of optional units in semester two. You will select one of two 10 credit criminology options, or two 5 credit international development options.

## Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
S1	SP22019	Qualitative analysis: the power of immersion	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	SP22020	Quantitative data analysis: the power of statistics	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	

**Title** Year 2 Options

**Total credits in this study yr** 40

**Overview of options in this study yr** In Year 2, you will study a total of 40 credits of optional units. Two units must be 10 credit all-year options and the remaining 20 credits can consist of either all-year 10 credit or single semester 5 credit options.

These options will cover a range of economics, international development, sociology and social policy topics, such as:



	and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Transferable Skills	Placement	Year Abroad
Outline and assess the merits of key concepts, positions and debates in the social sciences	✓	✓			
Apply sociological and social policy concepts and theory to examine a range of social phenomena		✓			
Critically appraise a range of forms of social science evidence, methodologies, and arguments		✓			
Appreciate and utilise a range of different disciplinary perspectives from within the social sciences	✓	✓			
Explain and synthesise the distinctive forms of knowledge and enquiry associated with different disciplines within the social sciences		✓			
Appraise and evaluate debates surrounding interdisciplinarity and cross-disciplinarity, and assess the challenges and opportunities afforded by this form of enquiry in the social sciences	✓	✓			
Undertake individually and/or collaboratively investigations of social questions, issues and problems by employing different techniques of data collection, management and analysis, including secondary data and other information, using appropriate software		✓	✓		
Employ appropriate software to enhance data collection, management, and analysis		✓	✓		
Build logical, coherent and persuasive arguments and make use of appropriate methods to communicate these arguments		✓	✓		

those arguments			
Marshal, interpret, and synthesise evidence about social phenomena		✓	✓
Recognise and assess the ethical implications of social science research	✓	✓	
Design, undertake and complete a small-scale independent research project comprising a set of interrelated components that seeks to contribute to sociological and/or social policy knowledge or understanding	✓	✓	✓
Apply knowledge and skills in a work environment			✓

**Alternative Courses and Exit Awards**

**Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards**      UHSP-AFB37: BSc(Hons) Social Sciences is the designated alternative course (DAC). Transfer to DAC possible from year 3 (placement/study year).  
Exit awards:  
Diploma of Higher Education  
Certificate of Higher Education

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