

# BSc(Hons) Sociology (UHSP-AFB35)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	BSc(Hons) Sociology
<b>Route(s)</b>	BSc(Hons) Sociology
<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>	Full time
<b>Course length</b>	3 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

<b>Course Summary</b>	Understand and investigate society and social structures. Using social theory and research methods, you'll study the processes that shape people's lives.
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>This course will give you an in-depth understanding of the structure of society. You will investigate the roles of its dominant institutions, social structures, and cultural practices, as well as sources of inequalities and conflict.</p> <p>By applying social theories, you'll learn about the foundations of modern society and how we can positively change it. This will be learnt in the context of British society and other societies around the world.</p> <p>In Year 1, you'll be introduced to social theory, ideas about the state and social change, and the central traditions of social research. You'll have the chance to take optional units in criminology and international development to broaden your learning.</p> <p>In Year 2, you'll study units that deepen your understanding of contemporary social theory and techniques of data analysis. You'll choose from a range of options in sociology, social policy, criminology and international development.</p> <p>In your final year, you'll do your dissertation. This will demonstrate the knowledge and skills you'll develop. 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.</p> <p>The flexibility of this course will allow you to create a degree that's tailored to your interests and potential future career.</p> <p>Informed teaching to advance your learning</p> <p>You'll learn from teaching staff with expertise in different areas of sociology. Their passion, knowledge and research shape our teaching to provide you with an enhanced learning experience.</p> <p>Develop your professional skills</p>

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

- critical thinking and research skills
- sociological data analysis
- project management
- communication and presentation skills

## 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 10 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 25 to 32 hours per week in your first year, and include independent learning, including 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 work on your own and as part of groups.

## 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 balance of examinations and coursework may depend on the optional units you choose.

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  
Presentations

**Placement/Study Year  
Abroad details**

Coursework  
Essay

We also offer this course with a professional placement(/courses/undergraduate-2024/sociology-social-policy-and-social-sciences/bsc-sociology-with-professional-placement/) in Year 3. This allows you to take advantage of our links with a range of organisations in different sectors.

A professional placement is a great way to get insights into the career path you want; contribute to projects and services; have fun, make friends and build your professional network; and even earn some money or experience a new culture.

**Careers and  
professional  
development**

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

**Course Assessment Regulations**

**Applicable Assessment  
Regulations**

Undergraduate assessment regulations - <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/>

**Exemptions from  
Regulations**

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**Weighting of each  
Study Year**

Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Final Stage: 68%

**Is this Course  
Standalone or Co-  
Existent?**

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
AY	SP22022	Contemporary sociological theory	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
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** 30

**Overview of options in this study yr** In Year 2, you will study a total of 30 credits of optional units. This will be a combination of all-year 10 credit options and 5 credit single semester options.

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

- social inequalities
- conflict and security
- race and racism
- poverty and population

### Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP32042	Sociology dissertation	Part 3 Stage 3 Compulsory	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	20	
AY	SP32044	Sociology and beyond	Part 3 Stage 3 Compulsory	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	10	

**Title** Final Year Options

**Total credits in this study yr** 30

**Overview of options in this study yr** In your final year, you will study a total of 30 credits of optional units. This will be a combination of all-year 10 credit options and 5 credit single semester options.

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

- conflict and human rights
- humanitarianism
- lobbying
- experts and evidence

### Learning Outcomes

**By the end of the course, you will be able to**

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Outline and assess the relative merits of key concepts, positions and debates in sociological theory	✓	✓	✓		
Apply sociological concepts and theory to examine a range of social phenomena		✓			
Critically appraise a range of forms of sociological evidence, methodologies,		✓			

and arguments			
Explain the distinctiveness of sociology in relation to other disciplines and forms of knowledge		✓	
Identify, construct and analyse a range of data sources using qualitative and quantitative methods or a combination thereof		✓	✓
Employ appropriate software to enhance data collection, management, and analysis		✓	✓
Build logical, coherent and persuasive sociological arguments and communicate them in formats/media suitable for a range of audiences		✓	✓
Plan, manage, and complete research individually and as part of a team		✓	✓
Recognise and assess the ethical implications of sociological inquiry	✓	✓	
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	✓	✓	✓

### Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

**Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards**

This course has no designated alternative course (DAC).  
Exit awards:  
Diploma of Higher Education  
Certificate of Higher Education