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"If you like the idea of exploring ways to explain phenomena, solve problems and make a difference, these are the degrees for you!"
Sarah Dauncey, Associate Professor

"I fell in love with the campus as soon as I arrived on the open day and then I was even more delighted to meet such inspiring lecturers and support staff."
Rebecca Wild, BA Criminology and Sociology

"Get hands-on experience through placements"

"Tailor your course through optional modules"

"Broaden your horizons and enhance your employability by spending a semester studying abroad"

UK top 5 university for social work and social policy

"Explore how societies work and what can be done when they don’t"

"Become a qualified social worker"

94.5% of undergraduates from the School of Sociology and Social Policy secured work or further study within six months of graduation
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Studying sociology, criminology, social work and social policy at Nottingham

Issues of social justice, welfare, immigration, crime, community and identity are at the forefront of political debate.

With so much emphasis on these topics, there has never been a better time to learn how we can all make a difference.

We are a friendly and supportive school, committed to excellence in teaching. The quality of our teaching provision has been recognised in recent years by the achievement of several student-nominated awards.*

Our flexible courses incorporate a wide range of optional modules, including choices from other disciplines, and allow you to tailor your degree to your interests and career aspirations.

Studying at Nottingham will help you develop a global perspective on your chosen subject and there are opportunities to study abroad at partner institutions around the world.* As an undergraduate student, you will be assigned a personal tutor who will help guide you through your studies during your time at Nottingham.

By choosing to study with us, you can be sure of a fulfilling and inspirational student experience in a friendly and dynamic learning environment.

Professor Ian Shaw
Head of the School of Sociology and Social Policy

Why study with us?

Our courses

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* Excluding general studies.
** Excluding general studies; plus GCSE English and mathematics, 4 (C) or above.
^ You can study some sociology and social policy modules as part of BA Liberal Arts. For information on this course, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/liberalarts

At a glance
- Flexible courses with a wide range of modules, including options from other schools and departments.
- Study abroad opportunities in locations such as Australia, Canada, China and the USA.*
- Friendly, supportive school, with academic experts who have won awards for the quality of their teaching**

Sociology is concerned with understanding contemporary societies, at the local and global level. It explores how societies are organised and seeks to understand the experience of diverse individuals and groups in an increasingly complex and multicultural world.

Criminology is the study of crime, its definitions, causes and consequences. It examines the function of the criminal justice system and our response to crime, as well as the treatment of victims and those defined as criminals.

Social policy is concerned with welfare and wellbeing. It explores how the state responds to social problems such as poverty, homelessness, domestic violence and unemployment.

Social work encompasses elements of sociology, social policy, law and human development, incorporating many practical skills. You can work towards registering as a qualified social worker with BA Social Work.

Foundation courses
International applicants who are not eligible for direct entry to undergraduate study may be able to apply for the Business, Law and Social Sciences Foundation Certificate. This course does not provide a route to BA Social Work. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/foundationcourses

Academic English preparation
If you require additional support to take your language skills to the required level, you may be able to attend a presessional course at the Centre for English Language Education, which is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Students who successfully complete the presessional course to the required level can progress onto their chosen degree course without retaking IELTS or equivalent. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0 (no less than 6.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

* Study abroad opportunities are not available for BA Social Work students due to the time required on placement.

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BA Sociology

Studying sociology makes us question and explore the realities of the world around us; the taken-for-granted notions concerning how the social world is organised.

Sociologists develop a keen sociological imagination with which to think reflexively and critically about almost everything. Examples include why we might dress our female children in pink, what is missing from the Modern Slavery Bill, and the implications of climate change and global migration.

This course is flexible, allowing you to focus your studies on issues, ideas and approaches that you find particularly interesting. We also offer thematic routes through BA Sociology if you wish to specialise in areas such as cultures and identities, global studies and human rights, or inequalities and social justice. The choice is yours.

Focused on exploring societies, social relationships and institutions like families, workplaces and prisons, this course develops a strong capacity for critical sociological thinking.

You will consider questions such as:

- How are societies created, reproduced and sustained over time?
- How do factors like class, gender, ethnicity and sexuality impact upon people’s everyday lives and access to the world’s resources?
- What social rules and processes bind and separate people not only as individuals, but as members of associations, groups and institutions, both in everyday encounters and in the global social context?

Study abroad

You can apply to spend a semester studying abroad at one of our partner institutions in locations such as Australia, China, Germany and the USA. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/sociology/study-abroad

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You can take a specialised pathway to graduate with a BA Sociology (Quantitative Methods) degree. This pathway includes training in the quantitative analysis of a range of datasets through the Q-Step programme. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/q-step

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Tilly Stone, BA Sociology

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BA Sociology and Social Policy

Social policy deals with interventions, or the ways in which people deliberately try to bring about social change.

These interventions often try to solve wicked problems – so called because they have complex interdependencies and are resistant to resolution. Trying to solve one problem can often give rise to others. Examples are areas such as climate change, inequalities, pandemic planning, social justice and welfare.

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There are a great range of modules which I have found to be consistently engaging, exciting and provocative. The staff are all really accessible and have encouraged me to be imaginative and creative in my responses to the big issues we study – something I am very grateful for.

Ross Levy, BA Sociology

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BA Criminology

Criminology is an interdisciplinary area of study that draws on insights from sociology, social policy, law and the social sciences more generally.

Criminologists adopt different theoretical perspectives and use a range of research methods to increase our understanding of crime and criminal justice. They are interested in offenders (and how they are defined) and victims of crime, along with the social contexts in which crime and victimisation take place. They examine ways of controlling crime – whether that is through changing social policies or the work of specialist institutions like the police, probation and prison services.

The kinds of questions criminologists ask, and set out to answer, include:
- How and why do certain kinds of behaviour come to be defined as crime?
- What is the impact of social change – globalisation, financial crises, increasing social diversity and growing individualism – on crime and how we respond to it?
- How do patterns of crime and victimisation relate to social divisions concerning age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, (dis)ability, wealth and income?
- What is the purpose of institutions like the police and prisons?
- How can punishment be justified?

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I want my students to ask why constantly – why are people so punitive? Why do we want people to go to prison? Why does the criminal justice system not work as well as we want it to?
Kerry Clamp, Assistant Professor of Criminology

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BA Criminology and Sociology | Social Policy

Studying criminology with sociology or social policy will enable you to see crime, its causes and responses to it in their wider social and global context.

Criminologists adopt different theoretical perspectives and use a range of research methods to increase our understanding of crime and criminal justice.

On these joint honours courses, you will have the opportunity to study a variety of sociology or social policy modules alongside criminology.

Sociology is concerned with understanding social relationships and institutions like families, communities and workplaces which provide the setting for crime and crime control.

Social policy focuses on ways of addressing social problems that may lead to offending such as poverty, inequality and discrimination.

Whichever subject combination you choose, you can be certain that a joint honours degree will broaden and deepen your understanding of crime as a social problem, and how we can respond to it most effectively.

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Whether it’s the friendly and knowledgeable staff, the contact hours or the independent learning, this course has enlightened me. It has given me new platforms to discover and explore the intricacies of the social world.

Kelly Waldorf,
BA Criminology and Sociology
Optional modules

We offer a wide variety of optional modules in criminology, social policy and sociology, which provide an opportunity to focus on an area of study that particularly interests you.

Optional modules anticipated to be available across all our undergraduate courses (except BA Social Work) in 2019/20 include the following.

**Year two**
- Applied Ethics and Society
- Belief, Spirituality and Religion
- The Body, the Self and Others
- Chinese Society and Culture: Beyond the Headlines
- Comparative Criminology: Australia and the UK
- Dynamics of International Social Policy
- Ethnicity, ‘Race’ and Everyday Life
- Families and Social Divisions
- Health: Theory, Policy and Practice
- History of British Social Policy
- Human and Child Rights
- Introduction to Cultural Theory
- Police, Policing and the Police
- Prisons and Society
- Social Research and Community Engagement
- Sociology of Health, Illness and the Body
- Youth Crime and Justice

**Year three**
- Alternative Responses to Crime and Conflict: Restorative Justice
- Analysing Public Policy
- Another Country: Crime and Crime Control in South Africa
- Capitalism and Social Justice: Moral Economies of Inequality
- Climate Change and Society
- Contemporary Developments in Welfare Policy
- Cults and New Religious Movements: Power, Belief and Conflict
- Education and Society
- Exploring Social and Cultural Life through Films
- Gender and the Media
- Gender, the Family and Social Policy
- Global Tourism and its Complexities
- Governance and Policy in Africa and Asia in International Comparative Context
- Migration and Transnationalism
- Nationalisms: The Politics of Belonging and Exclusion
- Rehabilitation, Risk and Desistance
- Sex, Crime and Society
- #Sociology: Identity, Self and Other in a Digital Age
- Terrorism and Extremism in the UK
- Work, Employment and Society

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BA Social Work

Social workers enable people to negotiate complex and sometimes painful transitions and decisions in their lives.

As an academic discipline, our primary mission is to ensure that students are professionally capable of carrying out such core social work tasks.

This course enables successful graduates to register as qualified social workers. As a result, it includes all the mandatory elements of a social work qualifying course. This includes assessment, communication skills, human growth and development, interprofessional working, law, and planning, intervention and review.

More generally, it ensures that you will be able to demonstrate the capacity for critical thinking and creative action in relation to the complex problems of human life. In this respect, the connection between social work and social policy is critical.

You’ll take a combination of academic modules that will develop the core knowledge, values and skills needed to be a social worker. In addition, in years two and three, you’ll complete assessed placements in social work settings.

Overall, the course seeks to engage with critical issues in the delivery of social work within the current social policy context.

Please note that study abroad opportunities are not available on this course due to the time required on placement.

During years two and three, you may be eligible to apply for one of a limited number of social work bursaries. For more information, visit nhsbsa.nhs.uk

I truly believe there is something for everybody at Nottingham. There is a very dynamic Mature Students’ Network that I always feel I can turn to should I need to.

Anthony Betts, BA Social Work

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Engaging study, incredible results

You will encounter a wide variety of teaching methods on our courses and you will be taught by lecturers who are experts in their field.

Teaching and support
Teaching is delivered through interactive weekly lectures and small-group seminars. Some modules include practical workshops and the dissertation module has masterclasses, conference days, and one-to-one supervision.

Lectures are taken by 20–200 students (depending on whether they are core or optional modules), and seminars are limited to no more than 25 students throughout your studies. In the second and third years, some tutorial groups are limited to just 12 students to reflect the increasing demands of study in these years.

You will be assessed through a combination of methods including exams, essays, project work and presentations, as well as a final-year dissertation. You will normally receive feedback within three weeks of submission to enable you to improve for next time.

At the end of each semester you will meet with your personal tutor to discuss all of the assessments and help you identify areas for improvement.

Studying social work
For social work students, modules are delivered through lectures, seminars, workshops and work-based learning opportunities.

We use a variety of teaching methods to help you develop the professional knowledge and practical skills required to become a qualified social worker, including the use of audiovisual technology, role-play and information communication technology.

During year one, you will shadow a social worker and observe their practice. In subsequent years, University-based learning during the first semester is followed by around three months of full-time work experience in a related setting.

Social work students are assessed against the professional standards for social work as well as academically.
Outstanding careers support

Whichever course you choose, we will help you prepare for a career where you can make a difference.

Our students are highly regarded by employers because of the strong academic foundation and transferable skills they gain during their time with us. You will develop skills in written and verbal communication, IT, statistical analysis, time management and motivation, critical evaluation and teamwork.

Sociology, criminology and social policy graduates follow a wide range of pathways. These include training placements with leading organisations and employment in:

- criminal justice
- healthcare, welfare and education
- administration
- management
- marketing and IT

BA Social Work is regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council and meets their professional requirements. This means that successful graduates can register as qualified social workers, with most obtaining employment in local authority children's or adult services.

Recent graduate destinations:

- BBC
- Ministry of Justice
- Stonewall

Recent BA Social Work graduate destinations:

- Derby City Council
- Framework Housing Association
- Nottinghamshire County Council

[My employer] liked the fact that I’d come from a sociology background specifically. It was a good foundation for becoming a lawyer as I had analytical and research skills.

Liz May, alumna who went on to train as a solicitor, securing a role with corporate law firm Cobbetts

* Known destinations of full-time home first-degree undergraduates who were available for work 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.

Develop through placements

We offer a range of placement opportunities with local and national employers. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/sociology/careers

Amplify your potential

Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more. If you would like to take a year out in industry, you can add an optional placement year to your course which will be included on your degree certificate.

Get the Advantage

The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

nottingham.ac.uk/careers
How do I apply?

All applications for undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants who have a significant gap in education. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-applicants

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.
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