



# Sociology

The Sociology department is committed to helping shape young minds develop a sociological imagination. Students will develop a critical understanding of the world they live in which is required to achieve academic success in this subject. The faculty consists of experienced subject specialists who have been trained by leading examiners of the subject. Additionally, this subject will enable students to develop insightful arguments both written and verbally which are highly valued by universities and employers.

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## Entry Requirements

A minimum of grade 5 or above in English, Maths and Science and in GCSE Sociology if taken.

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## Topics covered

- Education with Research Methods
  - Families and Households
  - Beliefs in Society
  - Crime and Deviance
  - Theory and Methods
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## Skills you will develop on the course

- Analytical skills
  - Evaluation skills
  - Communication and debating skills
  - Critical thinking skills
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## Assessment

- 3 exams
  - Paper 1: Education with Research Methods (2 hours)
  - Paper 2: Families and Households and Beliefs in society (2 hours)
  - Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods (2 hours)
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## Educational trips, visits and wider experiences

Other than great teaching, what else is on offer? We commit to organising a visit for all students to University College London (UCL) where students will gain an insight into contemporary issues in society by listening to six leading guest speakers. We plan to take students on a Karl Marx walking tour so they gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of one of the most prominent sociologists. To bring greater attention to the feminist movement, students will be invited to attend the Women of the World Festival at the Southbank Centre in London where they will hear from leading Women's Rights speakers and activists. We also plan to visit the Old Bailey in London so students get a real feel of how the criminal justice system works.

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## What type of students will do well on this course?

We are looking for hard working and passionate students who feel strongly about inequality and social issues. Sociology is a fantastic subject for those who wish to explore and critique society and to share arguments and opinions. This subject complements other social science subjects, including English and Geography.

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## For more information contact:

Please speak to Miss Manhota located in the Geography office for further information.

## Post-School Progression Opportunities

University	Entry requirements	Other similar courses offered
<b>University of Warwick</b> Sociology BA	ABB with a minimum Grade 4 in English and Maths.	Politics and Sociology (BA) History and Sociology (BA) Law and Sociology (BA)
<b>Birmingham City University</b> Sociology - BA (HONS)	BBC or 112 UCAS tariff points from a maximum of 3 subjects.	Sociology and Criminology BA (HONS) Psychology with Sociology BSC (HONS)
<b>London School of Economics</b> BSc Sociology	A strong set of GCSE grades including some at A (or 7) and A* (or 8-9) GCSE English Language and Mathematics no lower than B (or 6)	BA Social Anthropology BSc Language, Culture and Society BSc International Social and Public Policy

## Career Opportunities

### Counsellor

#### What would I do?

- building a relationship of trust and respect
- agreeing what will be covered in sessions
- helping clients to talk about their concerns
- listening carefully, asking questions and checking your understanding
- empathising but challenging when necessary
- helping clients to see things more clearly or differently
- undergoing therapy yourself (needed for accreditation) and meeting your supervisor
- keeping confidential records

**UK average:** £25,970

**Routes in:** You may be able to move into management, administration, supervision or training.

### Political Scientist

#### What would I do?

- Interpret and analyze policies, public issues, legislation, or the operations of governments, businesses, and organizations.
- Maintain current knowledge of government policy decisions.
- Evaluate programs and policies, and make related recommendations to institutions and organizations.
- Develop and test theories, using information from interviews, newspapers, periodicals, case law, historical papers, polls, or statistical sources.
- Collect, analyze, and interpret data such as election results and public opinion surveys, reporting on findings, recommendations, and conclusions.
- Write drafts of legislative proposals, and prepare speeches, correspondence, and policy papers for governmental use.
- Forecast political, economic, and social trends.
- Consult with and advise government officials, civic bodies, research agencies, the media, political parties, and others concerned with political issues.
- Disseminate research results through academic publications, written reports, or public presentations.

**UK average:** £32,296

**Routes in:** Higher education institutions.

### Forensic Psychologist

#### What would I do?

- preparing specialist risk assessments for offenders
- advising on the best location for prisoners
- developing treatment and rehabilitation programmes
- providing psychological therapy
- offering expert advice to parole boards, mental health review tribunals or court cases
- producing formal written reports
- helping to write policies and strategies
- training and mentoring new and trainee psychologists
- finding ways to reduce stress and improve life inside prisons

**UK average:** £42,937

**Routes in:** You could go on to run a prison psychology department, move into a policy and strategy-based role or a management post focusing on specific issues.