

BA (HONS) SOCIOLOGY

UCAS: L300 (BA) / S789 (FE)

SOCIOLOGY COURSES AT UCLAN WERE RATED TOP 10 IN THE UK FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BY STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE 2016 NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY.

How does society work? What makes one society different from another? Develop the ability to critically reflect on, discuss and write about topical social issues from a local, national and international perspective on this fascinating, relevant degree. Students will develop an understanding of key sociological theorists and important sociological issues and the emphasis on studying these in an international context will be particularly useful if they plan to study or work overseas. Our students graduate with a real understanding of world issues - vital for graduates, wherever they choose to work. This vibrant programme offers a range of popular optional streams through the 'big' traditional degree discipline of sociology. Students can follow some of their favourite themes of childhood, crime, religion, gender, community, education and sexuality.

In the first year our students are just as likely to find themselves looking at the sociology of shopping and the meaning of style and music to young people, as they are studying Marx. The research of our passionate lecturers informs their teaching so students will be aware of current developments and debates and also develop the ability to critically reflect on a range of topical social issues and learn about social injustices and social inequalities, culture and identity and resistance and rebellion in Britain, Europe and from a global perspective. Our students will engage in live research projects, go into the social settings they are studying as volunteers as part of their course, and benefit from student-led conferences and other events.

Sociology is relevant to a wide range of careers in the public and private sector. After the first year foundation modules, which provide an introduction to the subject, the programme offers a range of opinions and adopted modules which, together with academic advice and support, encourages students to develop your own interests and approaches to the subject.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Core Modules

Sociological ways of thinking
Doing social research

Optional Modules

Media and culture
Youth, Identity and Difference
Childhood inequalities
Crime and Society
Communities, cultures, and identities
Education for everyone?
State and Society; Europe 1815-1914
Volunteering and community action
Peer led outreach education
Elective (such as a Language)

Year 2

Core Modules

Contemporary Thinkers
Innovative Research

Optional Modules

Understanding Interpersonal Violence
Sociology of Religion
The Sociology of Social Movements
Sociology and Education
Diversity and inclusion in Education
Diversity and Inclusive Practice with Children and Adults
Perceptions of crime and punishment in England 1700-1900
Community history project
Philosophy of science and social theory
Mentoring in the community

Year 3

Core Modules

Dissertation in Sociology

Optional Modules

Sexy bodies; sexuality and the body
Sociology of Disability
Sociology of childhood
Suspect populations and insecure spaces
Sex, Violence and Strategies
Human Trafficking and 'Modern Day' Slavery
Student Initiated Module
Thatcher's Britain 1979-1990
Public space in the city: a social and cultural history c.1850-1910

FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to participate fully in group and project work. The UCLan Library provides comfortable, flexible study spaces and offers a wealth of excellent learning resources, extensive collections of information sources and expert help and support from Library staff.

Elisabeth Young - Sociology Graduate

"During my three year course studying sociology at UCLan, I had the pleasure of learning about a variety of topics. It has amazed me how key sociological theories can apply to such a wide range of current societal areas. It is this versatility of the subject that has helped me to truly enjoy my UCLan degree."

EMPLOYABILITY

Sociology prepares graduates for a wide range of careers in the public and private sector, giving them the knowledge and skills needed to get on in local government, health, research, voluntary and public sectors. Other possible careers include working in education, criminal justice, welfare services, counselling, charities, community development work, probation service, social research, social work and journalism, or continue on to postgraduate study.

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