

Sociology

University of Aberdeen

Venues

Old Aberdeen Campus

Content

Sociology at Aberdeen explores the issues and challenges of modern societies and how they have developed through time until the present day. You will gain a deep understanding of how society influences people and explore a range of different themes, including social awareness.

You will study topics as wide-ranging as sociology of the family, work-life balance, crime, religion and the state. And you will become skilled in the social research methods used to gather the evidence to better understand aspects of society – which could be observation, interviews, large-scale surveys or analysing the content of documents and videos.

First Year: Introduction to Sociology 1 answers the question of what sociology is. It addresses the relationship between individuals and society and looks at how society is reproduced over time. Introduction to Sociology 2 examines the key sociological notion of 'social structure' by means of a range of contemporary social themes and issues, such as religion, surveillance and the media.

Second Year: The second year extends the analysis of the 'sociological imagination' and looks at a range of contemporary social issues and themes that exemplify sociology's attention on people acting in social settings and the structures they inhabit, and which comprise what we call society. Topics will be approached in order to illustrate how sociology combines both theory and empirical investigation. Substantive topics covered include issues such as consumerism, tourism, food and risk society.

Third and Fourth Year (Honours): In third year take courses in the core areas of sociology, namely Research Methods and Sociological Theory. In the fourth year, students begin their individual research projects and choose from a range of option courses such as Sociology of Modern Scotland, Sociology of Art and Culture, Body Work, Political Sociology, European Societies, Sociology of the City, Religion and Culture, the Sociology of Peace Processes, Animals and Society and Sociology of Contemporary European Social Movements.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

L300

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

Arts and Social Sciences

Department

Social Science

Entry Requirements

2027 entry requirements:

Standard entry:

4 Highers at BBBB plus English at National 5.

For second year entry you would require 2 Advanced Highers at AB.

Widening access entry:

3 Highers at BBC plus English at National 5.

1 Foundation Apprenticeship is accepted in place of a Higher.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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