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ASK QUESTIONS, DISCOVER AND BE INSPIRED.

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology - the study of humans in society - attempts to capture the rich variety and complexity of human social life. Indeed, it is difficult to think of any area of social existence that a sociologist wouldn’t be interested in examining, from the most intimate of personal relationships to the worldwide circulation of ideas, beliefs, products and people.

Sociologists are generally encouraged to cultivate a ‘sociological imagination’. This is the ability to see our own lives and the lives of those we study as intrinsically linked to wider social processes and structures. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the relationships we form, the pets we keep, the money we use, the consumables we buy, the languages we speak, the ambitions we pursue, and even the opinions we hold are all dependent on the particular historical and social context in which we find ourselves. This context is the wellspring of sociology.

With the study of social life at its heart, the scope of sociology is almost limitless. Its subject matter encompasses family life, education, crime, work, war, religion, capitalism, power, food, leisure, love, health, sleep, the body, the self, human-animal relations, art, tourism and the media, to name just a few.

Sociology also has an abiding concern with the main markers of social difference in modern society - class, gender, ‘race’/ethnicity, age, sexuality and (dis)ability - and how these often intersect in shaping the life chances and experiences of individuals.

As a sociology student you are taught to think critically and to understand social processes and people. You also learn how to generate and analyse quantitative and qualitative data. The skills you acquire along the way are very appealing to employers, and sociologists end up in an increasingly diverse and interesting range of careers.
You’ll be joining one of the world’s top sociology departments, located in the heart of Warwick’s central campus. Warwick sociology department has an international reputation for research excellence, a global and cosmopolitan perspective, and high quality teaching. Our curriculum offers a comprehensive and up-to-date foundation with a diverse range of specialist options.

Our undergraduate programmes are designed by high-calibre academics whose research is published and discussed around the world. Our courses are fresh, relevant and will introduce you to the latest thinking.

**Breadth of research**

Our research areas are diverse and wide-ranging giving you the option to try out a mix of subjects or to specialise in specific areas that interest you. By engaging with these areas beyond the classroom at various events throughout the year, you will widen your perspective and explore the diverse reach and applications of sociology.

Research is organised in terms of three main areas:

- **Economy, Technology, Expertise**
- **Inequalities and Social Change**
- **Justice, Authority and the Geopolitical**

The research themes feed into the interdisciplinary and interdepartmental research centres, including the Social Theory Centre and the Centre for the Study of Women and Gender.

Our themes and centres organise activities on a wide range of research topics of global as well as national and local interest, including public lectures, symposia and seminars where you will be able to engage with nationally and internationally renowned academics.

We also host regular seminars during term time where topics have included:

- ‘Does school prepare men for prison?’
- ‘From war grave to peace garden: militarised citizenship and cultural heritage’
- ‘The secularisation of the environment; Darwinism as sociology’

Examples of recent lectures and symposia from our research centres include:

- ‘Women and beyond war: justice, conflict and peacekeeping’
- ‘Getting respect: responding to stigma and discrimination in the United States, Israel and Brazil’
- ‘Gender and the media: articulating experience and facilitating change’

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**Why Warwick?**

We offer you a wide variety of classic and contemporary topics and regularly refresh our portfolio in-line with student feedback and the latest developments in the subject areas. At Warwick you will learn from a range of dedicated academic staff. All are experts in their respective fields, and several have been consistently nominated for teaching, publications, leadership and public engagement awards.

You will be taught through a mixture of traditional and innovative methods, including undertaking your own research, which you will have the opportunity to publish in the student-led Warwick Sociology Journal or Warwick’s internationally refereed Reinvention: A Journal of Undergraduate Research.

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**Our community**

We are a friendly and welcoming department and you can quickly settle in and get to know people from all levels. We have a common room offering free tea and coffee, where you can catch up with friends or academics between lectures. What’s more, our department is based in the centre of campus, meaning that you can easily access a whole suite of other facilities.

Beyond your course, you’ll find plenty of opportunities to engage with our community on both an intellectual and social level:

- **Sociology Society**: Our student-led society organises academic talks and social activities that you can be a part of.
- **Study Trip Abroad**: Each year a trip is organised to an exciting location where you’ll be encouraged to exercise your sociological imagination. Past study trip destinations have included: Amsterdam, Prague, Lisbon, Budapest, Seville and Berlin.

There’s plenty to get involved with in the department and we encourage students to take advantage of all aspects of university life.

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**IN THE UK**

(The Guardian University Guide 2019)

**IN THE WORLD**

(QS World University Rankings 2019)
What can I study?

BA SOCIOLOGY

Entry requirements: ABB/IB34

- Why do people riot?
- Do tighter social boundaries govern the ‘right time’ to become a mother more than they do the ‘right time to become a father’?
- What role had the media played in structuring knowledge and power in modern society?

At Warwick our interest is in developing pioneering ways of understanding the relationship between the individual and society. You will be encouraged to develop a ‘sociological imagination’. Exploring the patterns, ideas and findings of sociology in books and articles, learning to think as an active sociologist.

Your core learning will provide you with a strong base to understand how society and people have changed over time. You’ll learn how new techniques, perspectives and traditions have developed on the knowledge of those before them, and learn to think critically yourself about them. You’ll understand ideologies, technologies and issues that have directly affected society and behaviour, and how people themselves have changed over time. You will become ‘research minded’, critical and involved, and you will be guided and inspired by academics who are energetic, forward looking and passionate as researchers, sociologists and teachers.

From the outset, you will be able to choose options from a range of specialist topics. First year topics such as the media, gender, race, and the building of identity allow you to gauge your interests in these areas and build a base for more in-depth material in later years.

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- Do women still conduct most housework chores at home?

Sociologists seek to describe and explain social trends and social phenomena. These tasks are often possible only by analyses of large-scale datasets. For example, we would not be able to know the prevalence of child poverty in the UK or the socio-economic profile of offenders without access to representative large-scale data. Quantitative skills are essential for social scientists of the new century and are also highly valued in the global job market.

This degree will provide you with advanced skills on a wide range of quantitative methods, alongside training in key theoretical and substantive sociological topics. The programme offers a balance between core sociology and quantitative methods modules. Sociology modules will provide you with a strong grounding on the critical analysis of society and the development of the discipline itself. Quantitative methods modules will follow an incremental approach, from elementary to advanced statistical topics. From the outset, you will be able to choose options from a range of specialist topics within sociology.

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Studying Sociology and Criminology (BA) will enable you to make sense of a world undergoing unprecedented social change and uncertainty. This unique programme emphasises the way in which social cleavages such as race, gender and class intersect with the study of crime and criminal justice in an international context. Combining these subjects will give you a thorough, yet broad understanding of the surrounding issues and concepts that relate to questions of justice and criminalisation today.

Drawing on established strengths within our Sociology Department, you will explore a variety of areas: culture and ethnic identities, geo-political conflict, gender, environmentalism, social movements, sexuality, social theory, state crime, terrorism and modern society, punishment and community justice, youth crime, youth justice, policing, and issues of security in a global context.

Combining Sociology and Criminology enables you to ask the key questions in relation to the social conditions in which crime and justice take place. In this programme, we will look at the social structures highlighted by the implementation of the criminal justice system and invite you to imagine possibilities of societies without prisons and punishment. You will search for answers to these questions and challenges by examining the police, the courts, prisons and society as a whole.

This degree can lead to careers in criminal justice, such as: Ministry of Justice, law, teaching, Civil Service, the media, as researchers and more. You may also be able to pursue postgraduate study in related fields.
Whichever sociology programme you choose, you’ll receive a thorough and holistic grounding in the key theories and methods used in the social sciences. All of our courses provide you with a mix of both core and optional modules in all stages of the degree.

First year
Your first year consists of core modules that lay the necessary foundations for your degree and you will also choose some optional modules that interest you. Core modules in sociological theory and research methods make up 75% of your first year. These will underpin your understanding of ‘how sociology works’, the social analysis it involves, and the processes through which this is conducted.

Year 2 onwards
As you progress through your programme you will be able to tailor it more and more to your interests and career goals, with a higher percentage of modules chosen by you. You also have the option to add a year of study abroad at a partner University.

In your final year you will be ready to conduct your own independent research on a topic of your choice. You can choose a topic that fascinates you, delve deep into a question you’ve always wanted to ask, supported by your supervisor. You select these once you are already here and studying by following a pathway of optional modules and completing a dissertation in the relevant area. You will then receive a degree certificate awarded with the relevant specialism. Selections of specialisms are confirmed at the beginning of your third year, so you can try a number of topics before choosing this route.

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Joint honours courses, combining Sociology with study in another department:

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  \item Law and Sociology
  \item Politics and Sociology
  \item Sociology and Global Sustainable Development
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BA Sociology
The BA Sociology course offers rigorous training combined with flexibility. Beyond the core modules, you will choose your own topics of study from our varied specialist modules.

You can select from the wide range of optional modules in the second and third years to retain a general degree, or you can concentrate on an area of particular interest, with a view to preparing for postgraduate study or entry into a particular field of employment.

BA Sociology with Specialism
There are six optional pathways which you can choose to follow during your degree:

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  \item BA Sociology with Specialism in Social and Political Thought
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BA Sociology and Quantitative Methods
On this degree, you’ll cover all of the core areas that the BA Sociology encounters, and also engage in advanced training in quantitative research methods.

Your first year includes five core modules: Introduction to Social Analytics I and II; Researching Society and Culture; History of Sociological Thought; Class and Capitalism in a Neoliberal World. After that, you will choose 45 CATS worth of optional modules from our first year selection.

In your second year, your core modules will be: Intermediate Social Analytics: Survey Design and Data Collection; Intermediate Social Analytics: Survey Analysis and Reporting; Designing and Conducting Social Research. After that, you’ll have the freedom to select 75 CATS of optional modules from our second year list. You will undertake a ‘Numbers in the Workplace’ placement between years two and three.

In your final year, you will take the following core module: Advanced Quantitative Methods. Alongside this module, you will complete a dissertation and choose from our third year modules list.

BA Sociology and Criminology
In your first year, you will study six core modules and choose up to two options. In your second year, you will study four core modules and choose up to four options and your third year comprises up to six options and a dissertation in Sociology and Criminology. The dissertation will be on a topic of your choosing, developed and agreed upon with your supervisor.
SOCIOLOGY SPECIALISMS

You will be able to choose from one of six elective specialisms and this elective specialism can be added to your final degree title. The elective specialism can be chosen to concentrate on an area of particular interest or with a view to preparing for postgraduate study or entry into a particular field of employment. You will be taking a minimum of four modules related to the specialism and your dissertation project will explore research in the relevant specialism.

BA Sociology with Specialism in Gender Studies

How does gender (a society's ideas about masculinity and femininity) shape the social world you live in, your identity and desires, and the relationships and experiences you will have throughout your life? This elective specialism allows students to develop a critical understanding of key concepts of feminist thought and the ways in which these are informed by, and inform, sociological enquiry; a sensitivity to the pervasiveness of gender divisions and their articulation with other major social divisions such as class, sexuality or 'race'; an ability to situate this understanding internationally, with a knowledge of the different forms that these articulations may take in specific cultural and historical contexts.

BA Sociology with Specialism in Race and Global Politics

Have you been racially profiled since birth? How are issues of race and ethnicity part of our contemporary global world? This elective specialism offers students the opportunity of developing literacy in social and political theory. Students will be able to draw on and understand key classical, historical and contemporary social and political concepts and theories which have been formulated to understand a variety of sociological concerns. These topics include theories and philosophies of science, media, religion, markets, gender, race, class, and sexuality.

BA Sociology with Specialism in Social and Political Thought

How do sociologists think? And what do they think about? What theories about the social and political world do sociologists offer? This elective specialism offers students the opportunity of developing literacy in social and political theory. Students will be able to draw on and understand key classical, historical and contemporary social and political concepts and theories which have been formulated to understand a variety of sociological concerns. These topics include theories and philosophies of science, media, religion, markets, gender, race, class, and sexuality.

BA Sociology with Specialism in Technologies and Markets

How do sociologists do social research? What methods do sociologists employ in conducting social research? This elective specialism offers students the opportunity of developing literacy in research methods and processes. Students will gain experience in developing social research projects, research design and process the development and application of quantitative and qualitative research methods and instruments, and the potential for the combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. Modules in this specialism address the practicalities of undertaking data gathering and field work, and considers questions of research ethics, the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, writing reports and presenting research findings. This combination of understanding and skills is further pursued through project work.

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FEATURED MODULES

As a world-renowned department with broad, global and timely interests, our optional modules cover a wide range of areas.

Our research-led teaching means you’ll find fresh, up-to-date modules added in line with research developments and student feedback. You’ll be choosing from varied, interesting and current topics covering the latest approaches and theories.

This selection is from the 2018/19 academic year and is illustrative of the types of modules offered in future years.

Commercial Cultures in Global Capitalism

Are you a shopaholic? Or do you refuse to be seduced by advertising and branding? What persuades you to buy?

Sonic branding, guerrilla marketing, celebrity endorsements, customer service ‘excellence’ and multi-channel advertising are just some of the popular sales techniques that currently promote consumerism. Considerable energy is devoted to encouraging consumers to desire new fashions, to have feelings for brands and to celebrate ‘good design’, to have feelings for brands and to immerse themselves in sensory experiences, without worrying too much about the ethics of their practices. Commercial Cultures in Global Capitalism takes you on a journey from production to marketing to consumption. It looks at fake brands and endorsements, customer service ‘excellence’ and multi-channel advertising are just some of the popular sales techniques that currently promote consumerism.

What persuades you to buy?

Punishment, Justice and Control

Have you ever thought about why we think punishment is the right response to crime and why we think it helps us achieve justice?

We may have these ideas connecting crime and justice through punishment because we have been exposed to them via news stories, television series, books or films, or may have been influenced by political and other public figures. In many cases, our own personal experiences, feelings and beliefs influence our perspective on criminals and the criminal justice system. Issues of fairness, inequality, justice and injustice, criminal responsibility and punishment are themes we have all thought about and discussed at some point.

This module looks at the relationship between the idea and practice of punishment, and it explores key concepts in criminology and criminal justice in order to examine what punishment is, whether it works, how, and what consequences it has, for those who experience it and for societies.

Race and the Making of the Modern World

The Haitian Revolution (1804) is one of the most important world-historical events, but it is likely that you have never heard of it although it occurs around the same time as the French (1789) and US (1776) revolutions. Why this silence? Perhaps because it was the first revolution undertaken by enslaved Africans asserting their rights for liberty, equality, and political self-organisation against their European colonisers?

This module focuses on aspects of history that are missing from the more usual descriptions of our past. This involves some tough questions about global processes of dispossession, genocide, enslavement, appropriation, and extraction of primary resources. We ask why such processes have been left out and also consider how the world remains structured by them in the present.

Educational Inequalities

Should a high quality education be for everyone, or just for a chosen few? Is education part of the problem of an unequal society, or does it help provide ways to make the world a fairer place? We all know that education is vital to us as individuals and a society, but does it matter that people’s access to experiences of, and outcomes from education are so unequal? If we have uneven educational provision, will we necessarily have an unequal society, or is it the other way around?

In the UK, despite decades of political and financial intervention in the schooling system, we know that the education a young person receives is shaped by their family background, social class, ethnicity, race, gender, perceived ability, religion, sexuality and other social differences. We explore the ways in which these differences make a difference in educational terms, drawing on a range of research evidence.

Debate can be lively and contentious. It seems as though education is never out of the news these days, with discussion raging about Islam in schools, the UK government’s Academy programme, university tuition fees, how to teach sex education, and so on. We locate these contemporary issues in a political and historical context and draw on policy, media, and academic evidence to investigate a range of important topics of national and international relevance.
Country options for studying abroad
This list details places which were available for the 2018/19 academic year. The list is illustrative of what might be on offer in future years, as places and availability are always subject to change on an annual basis.

Europe - study at a European partner institution.
- École Normale Supérieure de Cachan, France
- Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
- Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany
- Goteborg University, Sweden
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- Universitat Bremen, Germany
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Worldwide - please note these study abroad opportunities are agreed annually following discussions with our partners.
- Monash University, Australia and/or Malaysia
- Western University, Canada
- University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Sun Yat-sen University, China
- Tsinghua University, China
- Xiamen University, China
- Hokkaido University, Japan
- Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

Why study abroad
Studying and living abroad will allow you not only to learn more about other cultures, but also notice and question – perhaps for the first time – the many things you take for granted about your own culture... and about yourself. You will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in life in another country and grow as a ‘global citizen’, gaining exposure to other cultures and languages, understanding global connections and inequalities, meeting staff and students from many backgrounds, and developing skills that you can transfer to future study and career opportunities. You will even have the chance to expand your knowledge by studying other subjects and experimenting with new teaching and learning methods. You will gain confidence and independence as you explore a new country (with plenty of support from us along the way)... and you will also have fun.

Experience different cultures. Meet new people. Explore another part of the world. Develop your sociological imagination.

Sociology at Warwick is part of a global network of exchange partners enabling you to spend time studying in another country during your degree. We have long-standing agreements with prestigious universities in countries around the world.

Studying abroad will add one year to your degree programme, as you’ll spend your third year abroad.

STUDY ABROAD

Chris Bhatti
BA Sociology

I chose to do an exchange in Australia, because of many reasons. Firstly, I wanted to explore the social issue of race, and its implications in the Australian political and social culture. Through my exchange I engaged in indigenous perspectives that allowed me to learn more about the history and development of the country. Moreover, I wanted to wander in the Oceania and Asia region which I had never had the opportunity to, and this study abroad provided a perfect platform for me to do that.

Visiting these regions has made me become more of a global citizen. It sounds clichéd but it really has enthused my interest in learning more about cultures different to mine, which I plan to continue doing after my study abroad. Finally, Melbourne is the ‘most livable city’ in the world, (a simple Google search will help explain), and Monash is an amazing university. Because of the strong alliance, the transition is smooth, and the study abroad team are always helpful if you have any questions or suggestions to the exchange scheme.
I graduated in July and started interning at KYNE in May before being offered a permanent position in June. KYNE is a health communications consultancy specialising in developing campaigns for a range of public health, pharmaceutical and NGO clients. My current job title is an Assistant Account Executive and I relocated to Dublin to take this role. Our work involves developing campaigns, for example, a behaviour change campaign that encourages parents in Nigeria to get their children vaccinated, through the use of football as a platform.

Sociology provides us with an ability to critically assess the world we live in, to articulate our perceptions and act in a way that we think most appropriate for ourselves and others. I’m proud to be a Warwick graduate, but I’m more proud to be a Sociology graduate.

Examples of Sociology graduates’ job titles include:

- Social Worker
- Research Assistant
- Data Analyst
- Marketing Executive
- Policy Advisor
- Project Coordinator

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I was also part of a number of sports and societies and was a member of the executive committee for the Sociology Society. I worked part-time in Curtin’s at the SU, which was a really fun and social place to work. Warwick has the perfect work-life balance. I made friends for life.

I am currently on a Retail Banking and Wealth Management Graduate Scheme for a global bank. A common misconception is that studying sociology can limit career opportunities - that is not true! I secured this Graduate Scheme half-way through my final year so knew that I had a career lined up for me after my graduation.


Sociology graduates can go on to work in a diverse range of sectors, including:

- Social Care
- Government
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Marketing
- Research
- Media
- Consultancy

The most targeted employers for Sociology graduates included 1:1 career guidance appointments, small group seminars, alumni evenings and many opportunities to meet many potential employers.

Planning for your future career after university begins in year one and Student Careers and Skills and the sociology department work together to encourage and support you to get involved early on.

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Each department at Warwick has a senior careers consultant assigned to it. The consultants develop an expertise in careers relevant to the particular students.

Sociology as a degree teaches students a wide range of employability skills relevant to the subject and students’ interests. Careers support includes 1:1 career guidance and mentoring.

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HOW WILL I LEARN?

For each of your modules you will have a combination of lectures and seminars. The lectures will introduce you to a particular topic and then you will spend time reading around the topic in preparation for seminar discussion. During these weekly seminars, you will build on the lecture content, share ideas from the lecture and readings, sharing your views about the topic and debating the issues. Your seminar groups are kept small enough so that you have personal access to the tutor as well as space to have your say during each session. There will also be lots of opportunities for individual and group work as part of your modules.

Research training, personal development, and professional development are embedded in your degree programme. Through modules, extra seminars, skills workshops, careers presentations, 1:1 advice sessions, and guest speakers, you will be able to sharpen the skills that employers are looking for.

What learning spaces are available?

In addition to the excellent range of teaching and learning spaces provided by the university (e.g. a number of fully resourced Learning Grids, open 24/7, providing areas for both collaborative and individual study), sociology utilises a range of traditional and innovative teaching spaces close to the department. There is also a very popular departmental common room, providing free tea and coffee for students and a place where you can relax, meet fellow students and mix informally with lecturers and other staff.

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WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

Your personal tutor
You will have a personal tutor who will be a first point of contact for you, offering you guidance and support for your general academic questions and any academic or personal difficulties you might have. They will support your academic development throughout your course, and you will have regular meetings throughout the year so they should get to know you well. This means they have a complete picture of your strengths, experiences and skills, and will also provide references for you during and beyond your time as a student.

Module directors
Your module tutors will be able to provide specific advice about the subject matter of individual modules along with advice in terms of specific essays and assignments. Module convenors/tutors have weekly ‘Advice and Feedback’ hours when you can sit down on a 1:1 basis with the tutor and follow up on seminar discussions, seek guidance on your essays, and ask questions about feedback you have received.

The Director of Student Experience and Progression (DSEP)
The DSEP can offer you additional tailored support, building on support offered by your personal tutor. This might be advice on study skills, which modules might suit you best, or guidance on internships, careers, and postgraduate study.

Your academic librarian and library helpdesk
The library helpdesk is available to help you day-to-day with searches, borrowing and renewing items, but you also have a specialist Academic Support Librarian to give you targeted support in your subject area. Your Academic Support Librarian will help you to research information in order to develop research skills during your course.

Academic writing
You will have access to a wide range of academic writing support throughout the university, both in group format, (courses, lectures, seminars), and the opportunity for tailored 1:1 consultation/advice.

Employability and personal development
We want our students to be attractive to a wide range of employers and be equally strong candidates if applying for further study. You’ll be supported throughout your degree in developing the kinds of transferable skills important to employers and will have opportunities to network with employers and alumni.

Departmental study skills sessions
The department’s Director of Student Experience and Progression (DSEP) runs a number of study skills workshops specifically for sociology students. These are on core topics such as ‘researching’, ‘essay structure’, ‘summarising and paraphrasing’ and ‘critical reading and writing’ and will help you acquire the skills needed to research and write undergraduate-level essays. The DSEP is also available on a 1:1 basis to help and support students in further developing their academic skills.
Opportunities

Societies
As a Warwick student, you can be involved in a wide range of societies, ranging from those which are academic in nature to those relating to hobbies or other interests. There are over 250 societies at Warwick - who knows, you could be the next President of one of them?
The Sociology Society is an academic society aiming to offer a broad range of events and support for students throughout their degree.

Events
Whether you’re an undergraduate, postgraduate or member of staff, you’ll be encouraged to attend our department seminars and other research activities which take place throughout the year. We host a range of fantastic sociological speakers from across the world at these seminars and events.

Our research centres and clusters organise exciting research events, including workshops, seminars and lectures, often with high-profile national and international speakers.

The department also organises a number of events targeted at undergraduate students from across the world at these seminars and events. For example, we host an alumni event where past members of the department come to talk with current students about their careers, and a range of social events such as a welcome party and an end-of-year barbecue.

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Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS)
Imagine securing a bursary to carry out a research project of your choosing during your summer holidays whilst at university.

This is possible through a scheme offered at Warwick, which undergraduate students can apply to take part in - The Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS).

If you are successful, you’ll get a bursary and skills development training to carry out your summer research project, as an addition to your sociology degree course. All students are supervised by an academic member of staff for the scheme.

Undertaking a summer research project with URSS will give you a taste of research, which is invaluable if, after your undergraduate degree, you want to go on to study at postgraduate level. You’ll also develop a range of skills which will add further value to your degree study.

The Institute for Applied Teaching and Learning (IATL) also offers funding directly to students for undertaking an individual or collaborative research project and study at postgraduate level. IATL also offers the ‘Student as Producer’ fund. In addition, IATL host an international, peer-reviewed journal for the publication of undergraduate research papers. Many of our sociology undergraduates have gained academic publications alongside their degree.

Warwick Sociology Journal
Our undergraduate and postgraduate students can showcase their work in our student-founded, student-led journal. Although the journal is student-led, the Sociology Society and our department support the initiative. We pride ourselves on providing students with the opportunity to achieve publication; a unique and fantastic addition to any CV - academic or otherwise.

The journal encourages submission of work that is sociological in nature and can take the form of - but is not limited to - an academic essay, article, report or book review.

Example URSS research projects carried out by Sociology students
- Attitudes towards same-sex marriage among young heterosexual people in Cyprus: a qualitative study
- Refugee crisis in British newspapers
- Cosmetic surgery discourse in Sweden and the United States: a cross-national comparison on the right to modification

Warwick Sociology Society Executive Committee 2018/19
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We host a variety of events over the three terms, loosely falling into categories of academic and careers, social, charity and welfare events.

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Check out our webpage: warwicksu.com/societies/sociology and our Facebook page: facebook.com/SociologySociety

Study trip
Our annual study trip will give you the opportunity to interact with fellow sociology students in an international environment. The trip takes place in the last week of the spring term each year. In the past, we’ve travelled to cities such as: Belgrade, Lisbon, Berlin, Copenhagen, Athens and Seville to name but a few.

In 2016, we travelled to Copenhagen, as a group of both undergraduate and postgraduate students and had the chance to learn about the city with a sociological eye.

Trip activities focused on exploring the city and taking part in many engaging activities. A highlight for many was the visit to Christianshavn, a Freetown and autonomously run area of the city, which underlined the progressiveness of Danish society; and seeing the famous ‘Little Mermaid’ statue. Exploring on foot, we uncovered aspects of the city’s history and the industries on which it was built.

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HOW TO APPLY
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warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

OVERSEAS APPLICANTS
With a student population from over 145 countries, you’ll be part of an international community here at Warwick. We have a dedicated team available to advise, as well as a global network of Agents and Representatives.

For information on applying from your country, see:

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STUDENT FEES AND FUNDING
We want to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. We provide extra financial support for qualifying students from lower income families.

warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studentfunding

For more information about Home/EU and Overseas Tuition fee levels for 2020-21 please visit:

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ACCOMMODATION
Warwick Accommodation manages over 6,700 rooms on campus across a range of self-catered residences. There is an excellent network of support staff in the Residential Life Team, and wider University.

warwick.ac.uk/accommodation

VISIT US
The university organise four open days in early summer and in autumn for students wishing to visit the university, including opportunities to visit the academic departments of your choice.

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If you receive an offer from us, you will also be invited to one of our Sociology Offer Holder Days giving you a chance to learn more about the course and student life in our department.

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