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I will be happy to address any questions you might have about studying with us.

Hello my name is Dr Shona Robinson - Edwards, I am a teaching fellow in criminology here at the University of Warwick, welcome to the Live Chat. I’m also happy to answer any questions you may have.

Good Afternoon, my name is Parfaite and I am a student aspiring to study Politics and Sociology and I wanted to know if during the sociology seminars, there would be opportunities to debate and share our opinions. Thank you

Dear Parfaite. Thank you for your excellent question.

Yes, our seminars are very much geared towards encouraging debate and opinions. Each module that you take has a complementary seminar session, which will generally comprise ten-fifteen students. These seminars as led by a lecturer or sessional teacher (PhD) will be organised around debating the key themes are relevant to the week. These debates and opinions are sourced often in the key reading from that week and/or your general experiences/perspective. Both Politics and Sociology adopt this format for their seminars.

How much mixing is there between courses, and between departments? I am wondering whether BA Sociology students tend to stick together, or mix with student taking other subjects

Hi Stephen,

Yes, students very much mix with others across degree programmes and departments. This is due to the bonds you forge in your accommodation (which are not degree specific), your engagement of the myriad student societies that Warwick offers and that you might join depending on your interests (ranging from culture, to politics, to sports, etc). Furthermore, many of the students on your sociology modules will often be doing joint-degree programmes (such as History and Sociology, etc) and therein you often meet via them students from different departments.

That sounds great. I’ve been in another chat for sociology and criminology this week. That degree seems to have good links to the legal profession. What sorts of jobs can students do after other sociology degrees?
Thank you again for an excellent question. First, sociology as done at Warwick not only skills you in its substantive content but also places an extensive emphasis on research skills (both qualitative and quantitative) - this emphasis on research skills is highly valued in the labour market by employers. We have found that our students have pursued a vast variety of careers - ranging from market analysis and the finance sector, to civil servants both in national and local government, to NGO research positions, to other academic positions via a PhD, etc. Also relevant to know is the many of students often secure prestigious positions in either law or teaching conversion programmes after graduating, which leads to jobs in the legal and teaching sector respectively.

Sounds like there are lots of options - that's good to hear! Thank you Valiu for your help today.

Thank you Stephen for your questions. If any other questions occur to you later on, do of course feel free to mail me on the mail address specified at the top.

Hi Maria, do you have any questions you would like me to address?

Thank you for joining us. Should any further questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at s.valluvan@warwick.ac.uk. I will be more than happy to field any of your questions.