



SOCIOLOGY

MOVE MATTERS FORWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

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As Head of Department I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Department of Sociology. We have all been living through unprecedented times and we hope that you and your loved ones have managed through the adversity we have all faced. We have taken many steps to ensure that you receive the highest quality education in the changed circumstances.

As you explore these pages we hope you will see that we are a thriving community of academic staff, research staff, students and support staff in a university with a global profile and reputation. As part of the Faculty of Social Sciences we work closely with colleagues in Politics and International Studies, Philosophy, Law and History in both our teaching and research.

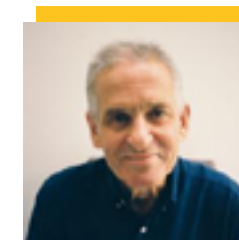
We are a department that is known nationally and internationally for its excellence in teaching and research. A global outlook is reflected in our curriculum and research which offers students a unique experience in Sociology.

Since we were established in 1970 our students have gone on to use their academic training to make important contributions in their communities across the world. A degree from our Department opens up new opportunities and vistas for impact and social change.

You will also notice that alongside its regular teaching programmes, the department facilitates lively discussions of research through regular seminars, workshops and conferences. All academic staff are active in disseminating their research through academic conferences and networks, as well as in impact related activities that are focused on addressing the relevance of our research to wider social and cultural questions.

I hope the information given in this brochure helps you make the decision to come and study at Warwick and be part of our departmental community.

John Solomos
Head of Sociology Department



WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

MOVE SOCIETY FORWARD

Sociology – the study of humans in society – attempts to capture the rich variety and complexity of human social life.

Sociologists confront some of the most critical, complex problems facing humanity. Sociology investigates the workings of our everyday world and attempts to make a difference, and you can be part of that change. For the rest of your life you can see the world from a different perspective, always wanting to take a closer look, not just accepting things for the way they

are. Sociology can be uncomfortable and it reveals issues we'd sometimes like to avoid, but it's crucial to tackle these issues. 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.

UNDERSTAND EVALUATE CHANGE



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

You will be 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, clothes we wear, relationships we form, money we use, what we buy,

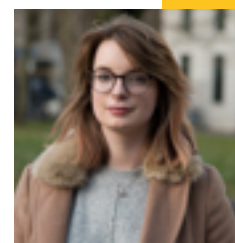
the languages we speak, the ambitions we pursue, and even the opinions we hold are all dependent on the particular historical and social context in which we find ourselves.

As a sociology student, we will develop your ability to think critically and to understand social processes and people. You will also build skills on how to generate and analyse quantitative and qualitative data. These skills are very appealing to employers, and sociologists end up in an increasingly diverse and interesting range of careers.



I feel it is a real opportunity to engage in what I love and see it in the world around me. And no matter what happens, I'm immersed in a specialism that is going to allow me a future doing something I really enjoy doing, and that will allow me to make a difference in a field that's important to me.

Anna Bray
Humans of Sociology creative task



WHY WARWICK?

Every day we see people across the world suffering the effects of inequality. At times, you yourself may have felt some form of injustice. Now's the time to understand why there is such unfairness in our societies, and to join the debate on these pressing issues. Sociology at Warwick can unleash your voice within, so you can affect the world outside.

We don't want you to sit back. We want you to help society move forwards. So, we provide you with an accessible route towards gaining an in-depth sociological understanding.

Based at the centre of our campus, you'll join a distinguished Department that's in keeping with the University's Russell Group reputation for research and teaching excellence. However, you'll learn in a Department that thinks and behaves independently to those around it.

That independence of thought will be shared by your friends, agitators and activists in the classroom: you'll study alongside people who are astute, thoughtful, and focused, while remaining determined in their passion for justice. Our students become social changers, not passive acceptors.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

We teach using both traditional and innovative methods, adopting a 'student as producer' philosophy which gives you many opportunities to produce your own research. Our classrooms are blended learning environments, combining face-to-face and online teaching to enhance your learning. Across your modules, you'll experience teaching that's expert, established and thought-provoking at every turn. You'll become a critical, agile thinker, and better equipped to express your socially-aware views.

With a particular emphasis on the social injustice area of sociology, our open-minded curriculum gives you access to a wide variety of classic and contemporary topics, which we regularly refresh in line with student feedback and the latest developments in the field.

Our approachable academics will carefully guide your learning, but they'll also support you to take risks in your thinking. They are prepared to challenge authority when necessary: they're ready to speak out about the matters that you care about.

9TH BEST IN THE UK for Sociology

THE COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2023

BREADTH OF RESEARCH

Our academics thrive on a belief in the power of rigorous research to change the world. The department's research informs thinking across arenas from civil society organisations through to public policy practices, and challenges the views of the general public through a committed programme of outreach activity.

Research is organised around three main areas:

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

By engaging with our research beyond the classroom at various events throughout the year, you will widen your perspectives and viewpoints. You'll have the opportunity to engage with many activities on a wide range of research topics, of global as well as national and local interest.

These include lectures, symposia and seminars, where you will be able to connect with nationally and internationally renowned academics, activists and organisers.

Recent topics have included:

- 'Network(ing) - Thinking Sociologically about the Best Kept Secret of the Job Market'
- 'Making sense of the knowledge cultures of online feminisms?'
- 'The role of arts programmes and 'art therapy' in prisons'
- 'Racial Capitalism, the Pandemic and the Climate Crisis: Dangerous Tactics of Differential Survival'.

If you want to share the research you produce during your degree, you'll have the opportunity to publish in the Department's student-led journal *Godiva: New Writing in Sociology* or Warwick's internationally refereed *Reinvention: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our friendly, welcoming Department will help you settle in quickly. You can catch up with friends and academics between lectures in our common room, which offers free tea and coffee. And, because our Department is right in the centre of campus, you'll benefit from great access to our campus facilities too, including places to eat, drink and socialise.

Here are just a couple of examples of activities you can be part of within the Department:

Sociology Society - Our student-led society organises both academic talks and social activities

Study Trip Abroad - Each year we organise a trip to an exciting location. Past destinations have included: Amsterdam, Prague, Lisbon, Budapest, Seville and Berlin. What better way to exercise your sociological imagination!

SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE ENGAGE



BA SOCIOLOGY

Entry requirements: **ABB/IB:32**

Why is there inequality in wealthy societies?
Does surveillance benefit society?
Why are some social groups marginalised?
How can we obtain social justice?
Ask these questions and many more that fascinate you. Learn how to think critically about contemporary society in the UK and beyond. Enrich your understanding of key concepts such as gender, race, class and the state.

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'll 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.

ETHNICITY
SOCIAL CLASS
SEXUALITY
EDUCATION

CORE MODULES

YEAR 1

- Sociology of Gender
- Researching Society and Culture
- Sociology of Race
- Class and Capitalism in the Neoliberal World
- History of Sociological Thought
- Introduction to Social Analytics in Social Inequalities Research

YEAR 2

- Designing and Conducting Social Research
- Practice and Interpretation of Quantitative Research
- Modern Social Theory

YEAR 3

- Dissertation

EXAMPLES OF OPTIONAL MODULES:

Life of Media: Past, Present and Future;
Crime and Society; Criminology: Theories and Concepts, Becoming Yourself: The Construction of the Self in Contemporary Western Societies; Commercial Cultures in Global Capitalism; War, Memory and Society; Social Movements and Political Action; Surveillance and Security: Race, Gender, Class; State Crime, Human Rights and Global Wrongs; Postcolonial Theory and Politics ; Transnational Media Ecologies; Punishment, Justice and Control; Feminist Pedagogy; Feminist Activism; Racism and Xenophobia.

FIND OUT MORE

BA SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

Entry requirements: **ABB/IB:32**

Why do people commit crime? Can crime be prevented? How should we respond to crime? Studying Sociology and Criminology will enable you to make sense of a world undergoing unprecedented social change and uncertainty.

This programme emphasises the way in which social divisions such as race, gender and class intersect with the study of crime and criminal justice in an international context. Combining sociology and criminology 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 imprisonment, policing, border criminologies, and issues of security and state violence.

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, including: legal careers, teaching, civil service schemes, media or social research.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE IDENTITY PUNISHMENT POLICING



CORE MODULES

YEAR 1

- History of Sociological Thought
- Criminology: Theories and Concepts
- Researching Society and Culture
- Crime and Society
- Introduction to Social Analytics in Social Inequalities Research

YEAR 2

- Designing and Conducting Social Research
- Gender, Race and Sexualities in the Criminal Justice System: Policy and Practice
- Modern Social Theory
- Policing and Society

YEAR 3

- Dissertation

EXAMPLES OF OPTIONAL MODULES:

International Perspectives on Gender; Sociology of Gender; Life of Media: Past, Present and Future; Practice and Interpretation of Quantitative Research; War, Memory and Society; Commercial Cultures in Global Capitalism; Race, Resistance and Modernity; Punishment, Justice and Control; Racism and Xenophobia; Feminist Pedagogy Feminist Activism; The Sociology of Urban Life.

FIND OUT MORE

COURSE STRUCTURE

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 at all stages of the degree.

YEAR 1

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.

YEAR 2 ONWARDS

As you progress through your programme, you will be able to tailor it 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 interests you; delve deep into a question you've always wanted to ask, supported by your supervisor.

QUESTIONS
YOU'VE
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BA SOCIOLOGY SPECIALISMS

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.

SPECIALISM PATHWAYS:

There are six optional pathways which you can choose to follow during your degree:

- BA Sociology with Specialism in Social and Political Thought
- BA Sociology with Specialism in Research Methods
- BA Sociology with Specialism in Gender Studies
- BA Sociology with Specialism in Race and Global Politics
- BA Sociology with Specialism in Social Inequalities and Public Policy
- BA Sociology with Specialism in Technologies and Markets

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.

A specialism pathway is not mandatory. But, if you decide to follow a specialism, you'll still have room to choose modules outside of your specialist pathway. You might try a module from within a specialism pathway alongside other choices in years one and two. This way you can keep your options open, and find out which areas you enjoy before you finalise your decision of whether or not to take a specialism.

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 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 critical 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 RESEARCH METHODS

How do sociologists do social research? What methods do sociologists employ in conducting social research? This elective specialism allows students to develop a broad range of practical research skills and a strong methodological understanding in relation to the core research traditions within sociological research. 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.

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 theories, practices and debates within Race and Ethnicity Studies in relation to historical contexts and contemporary global politics. Studies will develop a critical understanding of the ways in which understandings of race

and ethnicity have been informed by, and inform, sociological enquiry; the ways in which race and racism constitute a shifting category through articulation with other social divisions such as class, sexuality or gender in the context of social and political structures and practices. Discussions of racism and ethnicity will also necessarily reference global and postcolonial sociology especially in relation to theories and practices of nationalism and transnationalism, and the role that these practices play in contemporary global politics.

BA SOCIOLOGY WITH SPECIALISM IN SOCIAL INEQUALITIES AND PUBLIC POLICY

How are inequalities part of our social world? What can we do about it through public policy? This elective specialism allows students to develop a critical understanding of social inequalities and public policy with a particular emphasis on contemporary social concerns in relation to education, crime, health, welfare, and social movements. Social divisions regarding the above issues will be examined in terms of historical and comparative contexts, and the implications of these social divisions will be discussed in relation to relevant policy debates.

BA SOCIOLOGY WITH SPECIALISM IN TECHNOLOGIES AND MARKETS

What do Artificial Intelligence and Big Data have to do with sociology? How and why are technologies and markets part of sociological research? This elective specialism offers students the opportunity of developing literacy in a variety of debates regarding technologies and markets, which draw upon media studies, science and technology studies, and economic sociology. Students will be able to learn the ways in which theories and philosophies of science, knowledge, commerce, economics, work, the body, animals and the environment, constitute sociological concerns. Literacy regarding technologies and markets will enable a sensitivity to the manner in which these sociological concerns contribute to changing understandings of ourselves and others in the local, national, global political and global context.

FEATURED MODULES

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

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 2022/2023 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 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 authentic street style, at advertising creatives and sales assistants, at self-service checkouts and hipster coffee shops.

CRIME AND SOCIETY

Do you ever wonder what crime really is? We all seem to have very clear ideas about crime, about criminal activity, the people who commit crime, why crime is wrong, and what we should do about it, but the more you think about it, the harder this question becomes. In this module, we examine this question from a sociological perspective, seeing crime as something that is connected to its social context, as well as all of the problems that are part of this context.

We are exposed to crime daily, through the news, social media, television, cinema, etc. Even in our personal lives, we may witness or experience crime in one way or another, as it occurs on our streets, homes, schools and workplaces.

It seems that crime is all around us. This is especially true in our current time, when we are constantly reminded of the risk of crime through advertisements and alerts, security measures and surveillance technologies. This interactive module will give you the opportunity to study and debate all of these issues and others, such as the links between crime and injustice, inequality and disorder.

SOCIOLOGY OF RACE

What is 'race' and why does it matter? This module answers these questions by drawing on the wealth of expertise within Warwick Sociology, and is taught by experts who research and write about race and racism from a range of perspectives. Students will learn about both theoretical concepts and real-world examples that will help them to understand how race and racism shape the social world.

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.

This module covers a range of topical issues. Particularly as prison populations in England, the US and elsewhere remain unprecedentedly high, and as technologies and practices that focus on the isolation, regulation and control of populations extend well beyond the physical boundaries of prison walls, and are mostly affecting those who are disadvantaged in society, the stakes of these debates are high.

BECOMING YOURSELF: THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SELF IN CONTEMPORARY WESTERN SOCIETIES

Every day you are encouraged in Western societies to "express yourself", "be true to yourself", "stand out from the crowd", "sell yourself", "be the best you can be". But who, actually, are you?

Where does your identity and individuality come from? Do you fully choose and control it? Sociological research shows that many of the things we hold true about ourselves are, to some extent, illusions constructed by powerful social forces which we are not always aware of. Sociological research also demonstrates that several of the things you think are unique about yourself are actually elements of broader social patterns.

This module examines the construction of identity in Western societies, analysing how our contemporary identities are shaped by many past and present phenomena, including social inequalities, scientific developments or political and economic changes (such as the emergence of neoliberalism or the development of advertising). Throughout the module, we will make links between social structures and personal experience - in other words, we will examine the very strong connections between the biggest social forces all around us, and the smallest, most intimate aspects of your identity, your feelings and your life. After taking this module, you will see yourself in a whole new light; the things you will discover in it about your self, and the world around you, are guaranteed to blow your mind!

STUDY ABROAD

When you embark on a year studying abroad you experience different cultures, meet new people, explore and live in another part of the world. What better way to develop your sociological and criminological 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.

COUNTRY OPTIONS

This list details places which were available for the 2022/2023 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
- Göteborg University, Sweden
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- Universität 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
- Waterloo 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
- University of Iceland, Iceland

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.



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 do, and this study abroad provided a perfect platform for me to do that.

Visiting these regions has made me 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 liveable 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.



Chris Bhatti
BA Sociology



YOUR FUTURE

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Examples of Sociology graduates' job titles include:

Professional roles in national and international NGOs, civil society, charity organisations, civil service careers, researchers and research analysts, media and communication, advertising and marketing, accounting and finance, academic careers, teaching, social work, employability assistants, customer representatives, human resources, event administrators, management trainee, sales consultants and more.

COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS WHERE SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES WORK INCLUDE:

Cambridge Judge Business School; Centrica PLC; Choice; Common Vision UK; Credo Care; Girlguiding; Hawkins Estate Agents; Holmfirth Junior and Infants; Imperial College London; National Counties Building Society; Oslo University Hospital; Qualia Analytics; Spotify; Teach First; Orange Tree; PwC.

SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES GO ONTO THE FOLLOWING MASTERS PROGRAMMES:

Marketing; Organised Crime, Terrorism and Security; Economy, Risk and Society; Food Space and

Society; Digital Anthropology; Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Management; Contemporary Identities; Journalism; International Social Policy.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY?

People who study sociology go into a wide variety of jobs. You will gain a range of very valuable skills, including how to work independently, how to find information, extract what is important from it and turn it into an argument. You'll learn to work in collaboration with others, but also how to work effectively without close supervision. All Sociology degrees teach research methods. These allow you to generate new knowledge from both quantitative and qualitative sources. You will learn how to analyse results from various data, ranging from large statistical studies, to in-depth 1:1 and group interviews. You will also learn to carry out your own research both individually and in groups.

The study of sociology will change the way you see the world around you and how you relate to others. The skills you learn are relevant to the workplace and are valued by employers.



Faith Thompson 2013-2017,
BA Sociology (with a Specialism in research methods and a year studying at Charles University, Prague)

“ 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.

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5TH MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY BY UK'S TOP 100 EMPLOYERS

(THE GRADUATE MARKET IN 2023, HIGH FLIERS RESEARCH LTD.)



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 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.

Support continues following graduation with no time limit on accessing Student Careers and Skills comprehensive services.

You can even make a start now by accessing our blog: careersblog.warwick.ac.uk

We look forward to meeting you!

Clare Halldron,
Senior Careers Consultant
Careers & Skills





KNOWLEDGE THEORIES IDEAS

Politics and
International

Sociology

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

During your degree, you will have lots of engagement with staff and fellow students, both face to face and online. In each module, 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 knowledge, theories and 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 members of staff.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Although methods of assessment vary for each module, you will generally be expected to write essays and/or take a two to three hour examination in some modules. You will be given plenty of advance notice regarding these assignments and examinations.

In your second year, depending on your module choices, you may have the option of choosing the method of assessment. This may be 100% examination, 100% assessed essay, or 50% exam and 50% essay. Please be aware that there may not always be this choice, but you will be given full information about assessment at the time of choosing your modules. As well as essays and exams, you could also be assessed through other methods like online quizzes, group presentations, research projects or podcasts.

We realise that feedback is important to your academic development, so throughout your degree you will receive regular and extensive feedback to help you progress, including: written comments on essays, the chance for 1:1 meetings with module tutors and informal feedback during seminars and group discussions. You will also write formative essays (i.e. practice essays) for which you will receive detailed verbal and/or written feedback in preparation for your module summative assessments.

SUPPORT FOR YOU

YOUR PERSONAL TUTOR

As your main contact, you will have a personal tutor, they will provide guidance and support on academic questions and any personal difficulties you might have. They support your development throughout your course, having regular meetings throughout the year so they should get to know you well.

MODULE TUTORS

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 reserving 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.

Read more about student support and wellbeing: www.warwick.ac.uk/wellbeing

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 runs a number of study skills workshops specifically for sociology students. These are on core topics such as 'referencing', '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. Support is also available on a 1:1 basis to help and support students in further developing their academic skills.

WELLBEING SUPPORT SERVICES

We provide a range of support including both practical and emotional support for students' wellbeing and helping them access other services from self-help resources to counselling and therapy groups.

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING SUPPORT

When living on campus during first year, our Residential Community Team will always be close by, as they live on campus as well. They will be there to chat to or to you help adjust to living away from home.

SAFETY

The Community Safety team are dedicated to protecting the safety and security of everyone who lives, works and studies at the University. They have an on-Campus presence 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide support to everyone within our community.

MULTI-LAYERED SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE



Ellie Lavender,
BA Sociology

The sociology department really helped me through every hurdle, whether it was applying for a visa or when I was feeling a bit homesick. Warwick has these great connections which help you feel at home. Due to the nature of sociology, you are encouraged to experience and soak up as much culture as possible (even if it is sitting in a campervan, on a beach, or having a BBQ) in order to be fully immersed within the lifestyle. Which means that you can study what you want and do what you want and not worry about it counting towards your end degree!



OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND STUDY

SOCIETIES

As a Warwick student, you can get 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

We host a range of department seminars and research activities including fantastic sociological speakers from across the world, all students and staff in the department are encouraged to attend.

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

We also have a number of events targeted at undergraduate students. 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.

WARWICK SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY

Warwick Sociology Society is for anyone who studies the subject, is interested in sociology, has friends who study sociology or likes the look of any event we put on! We aim to create a welcoming, fun, inclusive and supportive atmosphere for all members no matter what stage of their degree they are in or which department of the university they study in.

We host a variety of events over the three terms, loosely falling into categories of academic and careers, social, charity and welfare events.

Examples of events we have run this year include: our joint ball with Warwick Politics Society; our annual Christmas meal; off campus trips, including bowling and nights out; talks from alumni and academic staff and our mentoring scheme

Check out our webpage: warwicksu.com/societies/sociology and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/SociologySociety](https://www.facebook.com/SociologySociety)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME (URSS)

The URSS Scheme offers undergraduate students the opportunity to secure a bursary to carry out a research project of choice during the summer months.

If successful, students get funding and skills development training to carry out a summer research project, as an addition to the degree course. All students taking part in the scheme are supervised by an academic member of staff.

Undertaking a research project with URSS will give you invaluable research experience if, after your undergraduate degree, you want to go on and study at postgraduate level. You'll also develop a range of skills which will add further value to your development and skill set.

The Institute for Applied Teaching and Learning (IATL) also offer funding directly to students for undertaking either individual or collaborative research, through their 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.

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

GODIVA: NEW WRITING IN SOCIOLOGY

From this year, our undergraduate and postgraduate students can showcase their work in 'Godiva: New Writing in Sociology'. Incorporating our formerly student-led Warwick Sociology Journal, the magazine encourages sociologically themed writing in any literary genre, including academic articles, Blogs, journalism, poetry, short stories and other creative writing. We pride ourselves on helping our students achieve publication, which is a fantastic addition to any CV - academic or otherwise.

STUDY TRIP

Our annual study 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.

The trips focus on exploring the city and taking part in many engaging activities. A highlight for many on our trip to Copenhagen was the visit to Christiania, a Freetown and autonomously run area of the city, which underlined the progressiveness of Danish society. Exploring on foot, we uncovered aspects of the city's history and the industries on which it was built.

Denmark is one of the most advanced nations in terms of paternal leave. We had the opportunity to listen to lectures at Copenhagen University on the subject of fatherhood in Nordic countries. This was an excellent opportunity to hear from experts researching this topic in such a liberal context.

Of course there was also plenty of delicious food and lots of free time for students to explore the city independently!

The trip is generously subsidised by the sociology department and it's an excellent chance for students to meet and build relationships with people at other stages of their studies, as well as to travel to a new city and apply the skills of sociological analysis they have been learning throughout their degrees.



HOW TO APPLY

Everything you need to know about applying to Warwick is on our web pages. There is up-to-date information about:

- How to apply
- Writing your personal statement
- Key dates and deadlines
- How we process your application
- After you've applied

If you are made and accept an offer, and meet any outstanding conditions, we will confirm your place and look forward to warmly welcoming you at the start of your life here at Warwick.

How to apply:
warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

OVERSEAS APPLICANTS

At Warwick, we welcome applications from across the globe, and have dedicated teams available to advise and support, as well as a global network of Agents and Representatives.

Overseas application advice:
warwick.ac.uk/io

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.

Fees and funding:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/studentfunding>

ACCOMMODATION

We manage approximately 7,500 self-catered rooms on campus for different budgets and requirements. Living on campus in your first year gives you the opportunity to meet people and form friendships whilst never being more than a short distance from your lectures or our amazing campus facilities. At Warwick, you'll enjoy the freedom of independent living with the security of knowing you're surrounded by people who can support you.

Living on campus:
warwick.ac.uk/accommodation

DISCOVER MORE

If you have questions about living and studying at Warwick, speak to our current students to get answers on:

- Campus life
- Accommodation
- Study support, wellbeing and more

Unibuddy:
warwick.ac.uk/study/unibuddy



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