

BSocSc Sociology

What you will study

This document gives you a flavour of what you might study in Sociology at Manchester.

Each year of your degree you need to take units that add up to 120 credits.

Each unit is made up of 10 or 20 credits. This reflects the amount of work involved, so for every one credit you should do approximately 10 hours of work (eg lectures, tutorials, office hours and independent study).

Each of the course units below has **pre-requisites – other course units which you need to have taken the year before**. You can find information about these by clicking on the particular course unit information pages.

The actual units taught will depend on the availability of staff.

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A full interactive version of this course structure can be found online at:

<http://bit.ly/socyps>

Year 1

In your first year on the BSocSc Sociology programme you will take 120 credits overall (or six course units)

You will take three compulsory course units:

Course unit	Credits
Researching Culture and Society	20
From Modernity to Postmodernity I	20
From Modernity to Postmodernity II	20

As well as three optional course units:

Course unit	Credits
Media, Culture & Society 1	20
Sociology of Personal Life	20
British Society in a Globalising World	20
Media, Culture & Society 2	20
Work, Organisations and Society	20

You can also take up to 20 units from outside Sociology instead of one of the optional course units; this could include another social science, such as politics or social anthropology or a language through the LEAP scheme (Language Experience for All Programmes). You can find information about the languages that you can choose to study through:

www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/

Year 2

In your second year you will again take 120 credits

You will take two compulsory course units:

Course unit	Credits
Qualitative Research Design & Methods	20
The Survey Method in Social Research	20

You will then be able to choose another four optional course units from Sociology

Course unit	Credits
Sociology of Popular Music	20
Sustainability, Consumption & Global Responsibilities	20
New Media	20
Global Migration	20
Interaction and Social Order	20
Racism and Ethnicity in the UK	20
Sociology of Nature, Environment and Risk	20
Work, Economy and Society	20
Social Network Analysis	20
Education and Society	20
Sociology of Fashion	20
Self and Society	20
Gender, Sexuality and Culture	20

As part of the 120 credits in your second year – instead of one of your optional Sociology course units you can choose to take up to 20 credits of courses that are not part of your second year options.

This means that you can choose things such as a Language through the LEAP scheme (Language Experience for All Programmes). You can find information about the languages that you can choose to study through: www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/

You can also take advance of the Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP) which allows you to build your employability and leadership skills and boost your CV as part of your degree. You can find more the courses that you can choose from on: www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk

You can also choose units offer by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning. This scheme is designed to let students on any programme study courses that cross disciplines and study subjects from departments across the University. You can find out more about the courses offered on: www.college.manchester.ac.uk

Year 3

In your final year you take either a 20- or 40-unit compulsory dissertation (depending on your own learning preferences):

Course unit	Credits
Dissertation (20 credits)	20
Dissertation B (40 credits)	40

You would then choose another 4 (or 5 depending on which dissertation you have chosen) optional units from Sociology:

Course unit	Credits
Sociology of Human Animal Relations	20
Urban Sociology	20
Identity, Power & Modernity	20
Sociology of Family Life & Intimacy	20
Power and Protest	20
Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis	20
Forced Migration	20
Creating Multicultural Britain	20
Applications of Social Networks	20
Gender, Time and Change	20
Reproduction & New Medical Technologies	20
Theory & Method in Demography	20

You will also be able to choose 20 free choice credits in your final year as part of your overall 120 units from outside of the list of course units above.