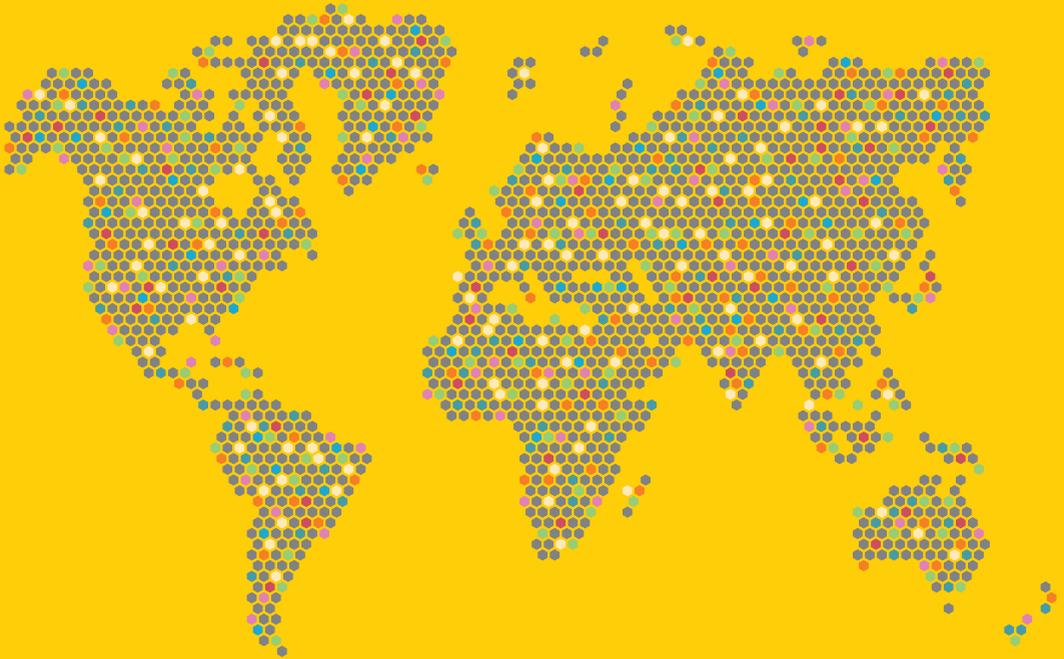


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# WHY MANCHESTER?



## Our University



### Making Things Happen

Proud and ambitious, down to earth and friendly, we offer you a world class learning experience that's rooted in a rich education heritage at the University of Manchester. We focus on making things happen, turning enthusiasm into achievement and ground-breaking theory into cutting edge practice.

Research and innovation feeds into our courses, where you'll find countless opportunities for extra-curricular activities and skills development. All this and more at the heart of Britain's most popular student city.

Learn more about us  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/discover](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover)





# Our City

## Original and Modern

Manchester is known as the 'original modern' city, thanks to both its industrial revolution heritage and an enduring progressive, can-do attitude, resulting in ideas that challenge convention, actions that change society, and attractions that capture the imagination.

We're proud to be part of the UK's most popular student city, which shakes up the music scene, nurtures cultural creativity, tantalises tastebuds, showcases international sporting achievements, encourages entrepreneurship, attracts big business, and entertains a sociable, multicultural community with warmth, wit and a lot of fun.

Discover Manchester from a student's perspective

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# Your experience

## More than a degree

University of Manchester students are a diverse and fascinating bunch, drawn from all corners of the globe, united in their goal to build a better future for themselves via a world class educational experience of a lifetime.

Our student experience is geared towards giving you practical skills, personal development opportunities and a professional network of colleagues and friends that will set you up for success through out your life.

Discover the Manchester experience

[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience)





# A TYPICAL DAY

Find out what our student Adnan gets up to on a normal weekday at university.

## 8AM

Early start as it's a busy day. Leave halls in Fallowfield and catch a bus down Oxford Road to the University.



## 11PM

Seminar for international politics – I was in the library until 9pm last night so feeling well prepared.



## 8.15AM

Head to the Learning Commons to check emails and print off an assignment to hand in.



## 12PM

Grab some lunch at Kro Bar with some other committee members from the Economics student society. We're planning a few career events over the next few months, and inviting speakers from graduate employers like KPMG and Deloitte.



## 9AM

Macroeconomics lecture in University Place – it's the biggest lecture theatre in Europe.



## 1.45PM

Run over to the Arthur Lewis Building – where the School of Social Sciences is based. I need to hand in an essay before the deadline at 2pm.



## 10AM

Catch up with some friends for a coffee in the union. Plan our trip to the Peak District at the weekend and buy some of the union's allocation of tickets for Manchester United tomorrow!



## 2PM

Another lecture – feeling tired so hop on the free campus bus!



## 6.30PM

Meet coursemates at the curry mile in Rusholme for some food – there's so much choice!



## 3PM

Meeting with one of my lecturers to discuss an exam – they all have office hours so it's easy to make an appointment.



## 8.30PM

We all head off to a pub quiz at the student's union – we're playing against other courses from the School of Social Sciences.



## 3.15PM

Catch the bus into town. We've got a curry night out tonight and I'm using my student discount to get something new to wear.



## 10.30PM

After our victory in the quiz we're heading to the Northern Quarter in the city centre for drinks at the Tiki Lounge!



## 5PM

Arrive back at my accommodation and have a quick cup of tea and catch up with my flat-mates before getting ready to go out.





# PHILOSOPHY

## What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is the study of the most general and fundamental features of reality, including ourselves, and the concepts, theories and practices we use to try to understand and cope with them.

### Philosophical questions include:

- Is free will compatible with a scientific worldview? Is free will necessary for morality?
- What makes something the morally right thing to do?
- Is everything that exists in space and time entirely physical?
- Are there “abstract objects”, such as numbers, that exist outside of space and time and the causal order?
- Are there features of the universe that prove or suggest the existence of God?
- What is time? Is time travel to the past logically possible?
- What makes something a work of art?
- What is causation? Could an effect happen before its cause?
- Can consciousness be explained? Could a computer ever be conscious? Or do you need a brain to be conscious?
- Is individual liberty the overarching political value?
- Can anything be known with absolute certainty?

What do these questions have in common? They are very abstract and difficult – and they are fundamental, in the sense that answers to them are presupposed by, and so fall out of the particular purview of, other intellectual enquiries. They cannot themselves be answered by engaging in scientific experiment. The only way to approach them is by using reasoned argument.

By studying Philosophy, you will develop your own responses to fundamental questions that have been occupying reflective souls for over 2,000 years and become familiar with on-going contemporary debates. You will acquire highly transferable skills of analytical and critical thinking, reasoned argument and clear, systematic expression of ideas, all of which are universally applicable in all walks of life and work.

## BA Philosophy (UCAS code: V500)

This is our single honours course for philosophy specialists.

We teach you about other people’s ideas and how to develop your own. Learning about the major debates in the history of philosophy up to the present day is essential background for developing your own responses to the problems of philosophy. What is even more important, however, is learning to engage critically with these problems and some of the main attempts to solve them.



One of the key things you must learn is how to back up your claims with cogent and persuasive arguments. We want our students to develop the useful, highly transferable skills of deep analytical and critical thinking, reasoned argument and clear systematic expression of ideas. You will learn that there is more than one point of view on every question and that therefore each point of view must be able to stand its ground against others.

## Major themes of Philosophy at Manchester

- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of mind and psychology
- Philosophy of language
- Philosophy of science & mathematics
- Aesthetics
- History of analytical philosophy
- Ethics
- Social and political philosophy
- Philosophy of religion

## Philosophy fact file

**14** - members of permanent academic teaching staff

**45** – number of students admitted per year to the single honours course

All permanent members of the philosophy teaching team are internationally recognized researchers publishing their work in journals and books and giving talks around the world.

The student philosophy society PhilSoc is very active in organizing social events, such as international guest speakers, reading groups, and philosophy film nights.

Our philosophy graduates go on to a range of careers, including law, government, the media, management consultancy, accountancy and finance, publishing, social work, teaching, not-for-profit sector and many other lines of work.

### Entry Requirements

**A Level:** ABB

**GCSE:** B in Maths and English

**IB:** 34 points

Find more online at

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses)



# PHILOSOPHY

## Course structure

Each year of study consists of 120 course credits. Each course unit listed below is worth 20 credits.

### Year 1

Year 1 provides you with a grounding in philosophical traditions, themes and problems:

- Values We Live By
- Discovering Reality
- Mind and World
- Critical Thinking
- History of Philosophy

You also take 20 credits in an outside subject. This could be in a related social science subject such as Politics or could be a language. For more information about studying languages go to:

[www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap](http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap)

### Year 2

You will develop and deepen your understanding of issues introduced in the first year and are able to choose new and more advanced topics to explore.

#### Compulsory units:

At least one analytical methodology course from:

- Philosophical Methods
- 20th Century Analytical Philosophy
- Formal Logic

#### Optional units:

- Ethics
- Aesthetics
- Philosophy of Religion
- Locke, Berkeley and Hume
- Philosophy of Mind
- Phenomenology

You can also take one of the following politics units:

- Freedom and Equality
- Arguing about Politics

#### Other options include:

- 20 credits of an outside subject
- The Manchester Leadership Programme. This is run by the careers service. For more information go to page 31 (extracurricular opportunities)
- A unit offered by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning, which presents an opportunity for students at The University of Manchester to broaden their educational horizons. See page 31 for more details – extracurricular opportunities

## Student Profile: Alex Pickering

*"I think Philosophy usually appeals to a special few, however if you are someone who is mystified by the mind, or perplexed by the puzzles of identity, right and wrong, language, aesthetics, or religion, you will be very well placed on the course."*

### Year 3

Third year course units offer specialised and in-depth explorations of issues led by original researchers in the field. You also undertake a substantial independent piece of research on a topic of your choosing, which leads to a dissertation of 6,000 – 7,000 words. Course unit options include:

- Epistemology
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Music
- Personhood and Freedom of the Will
- Wittgenstein
- Kant
- Philosophy of Maths
- Philosophy of Social Sciences
- Philosophical Logic
- Philosophy of Action
- Jurisprudence
- Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship

**Please note that the course units available may vary from year to year.**

For more information about course units go to:  
<http://man.ac.uk/3taGz4>

### Other ways to study Philosophy at Manchester

Design your own degree!

You can combine the study of Philosophy with other social sciences subjects as part of the BA Social Sciences see page 24 for more details.

Philosophy is also available as part of the following degrees:

BA Economics and Social Studies

BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)

BSc Mathematics and Philosophy

BSc/MPhys Physics with Philosophy

For more information go to  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses)

For more information about course units, staff research interests and Philosophy events go to  
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# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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## Politics at Manchester

Politics at Manchester is structured around three core areas: Comparative Politics, International Politics and Political Theory. This structure extends across everything we do, from undergraduate teaching to top-level research.

Our significant size allows us to support internationally recognised research across a broad range of areas within and across these themes, including several large and distinctive specialist research clusters. This also contributes to the quality of our teaching: at undergraduate level, we offer you a wide range of course units that build directly on our research expertise. While our size brings choice and quality, students will also benefit from one-to-one contact with a dedicated Academic Adviser, time in small group tutorials, and opportunities to talk to staff informally, for example at our popular staff-student social events.

## BSocSc Politics and International Relations

(UCAS code: L200)

This is our single honours course for Politics and International Relations specialists.

We will help you to develop solid intellectual foundations within the discipline, while also giving you increasing choice and diversity of subjects and approaches as you progress through your second and third years.

In the first two years you will take units drawn from each of our three core areas of study. Students will be trained in research and study skills, including making the transition from school to independent study at university level. By the final year, you will have acquired an advanced understanding of politics, and one which has prepared you to study a selection of our specialised year three options which build directly on our research expertise. With the help and guidance of a dedicated supervisor you will also produce a 15000 word dissertation on a topic of your choosing.



## Major specialisms of Politics and International Relations at Manchester

- British and American Politics
- The European Union
- Comparative Politics
- Political Theory, Justice and Ethics
- International Political Economy
- Third World Politics
- International Relations
- Political Communication
- War, Security, Conflict and Terrorism
- Globalisation
- Gender
- Environmental Politics

### Entry Requirements

A Level: AAB

GCSE: B in English

IB: 35 points

Find more online at

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses)

## Politics fact file

Number of places: **60**

Number of applications: **550**

Members of staff in Politics: **45**

Politics at Manchester provides cutting edge research in Analytical Political Theory, Comparative Public Policy, Electoral Politics, Global Political Economy, and Poststructuralism and Critical Thought.

From 2015 Manchester is the new home of the British Election Study.

Percentage of students in full time work or further study 6 months after graduation: **90%**

National Student Survey in 2013: **97%** of students satisfied overall with their course

Recent graduate employers: Houses of Parliament, the UN, Shelter, Barclays, Google, Ministry of Justice, the Centre for Social Justice.

Excellence in Teaching: Politics staff have won University teaching Excellence awards (2010-11, 2011-12) and achieved national recognition twice winning the Political Studies Association Sir Bernard Crick Prize for Outstanding Teaching (2007, 2012).



# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Course structure

Each year of study consists of 120 course credits with the option of taking one unit per year outside Politics for example in a language or another social science subject. Course units are worth either 10 or 20 credits.

### Year 1

#### Compulsory units:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Introduction to International Politics
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Research and Study Skills

#### Optional units:

- British Politics: Power and the State

#### And/or

- Up to 40 credits from outside Politics

### Year 2

You continue to study the three sub-fields introduced in the first year. You also write an extended essay (or independent project) of 5-6,000 words on a topic of your choosing. There is also the opportunity in the second year to spend a semester studying at an overseas university. See page 31 for more information about studying abroad.

#### Compulsory units:

- Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates
- The Politics Project

#### Optional units include:

- The Politics of Globalisation
- The Politics of Development
- Comparative European Politics
- National Politics of Germany
- From Blitz to 'Big Society': Politics and Society in Britain since 1940
- Security Studies
- Questions about International Politics
- Social Movements
- Chinese Politics Today
- The Politics of Policy Making
- Mediterranean Politics

#### You can also take:

- 20 credits of an outside subject such as a language
- The Manchester Leadership Programme. This is run by the careers service. For more information go to page 31 (extracurricular opportunities)
- A course unit run by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning, which presents an opportunity for students at The University of Manchester to broaden their educational horizons. See page 30 for more details – extracurricular opportunities

## Student Profile: Heena Mohammed

*"I applied for Politics and International Relations at the University of Manchester due to its world class reputation and strength in research. I loved the city for its culture and diversity so studying here for university seemed like a great option."*

### Year 3

By the third year you will have acquired a background in political science that will prepare you for the whole range of more specialised options that we offer, and for the final year dissertation on a topic of your choosing.

#### Compulsory unit:

- Dissertation

#### Optional units include:

- Ethical Issues in World Politics
- Gender, Sexuality and Politics
- Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship
- Political Morality and 'Dirty Hands'
- Politics of the EU
- Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe
- The Politics of Hate
- War and the Politics of Ethics
- Russian Politics
- Parliamentary Studies
- Politics and the State of Nature
- Elections and Voters
- Africa and Global Politics
- Poverty, Inequality and Power

### Other ways to study Politics at Manchester

Design your own degree!

You can combine the study of politics with other social sciences subjects, see page 26 for more details, or as part of the BA Economics and Social Studies:

[www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk)

Politics is also available on a number of other degrees including:

BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)

BA Law with Politics

BA Politics and Modern History

For more information go to  
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Find out how our research is influencing public policy:  
[www.policy.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.policy.manchester.ac.uk)



Professor Andrew Russell the Head of Politics is on Twitter [@PoliBlogManc](https://twitter.com/PoliBlogManc)

For more information about course units, staff research interests, careers and Politics events go to:

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# SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

## What is Social Anthropology?

Social Anthropology is the comparative study of culture, and asks what it means to be human. Contemporary Social Anthropology is a critical discipline that tackles an enormous variety of topics. These include questions about how people make families, worship gods, and organise their economic and political lives. Manchester anthropologists look at the social implications of reproductive and information technologies, they analyse the social meanings of consumer behaviour, they study violence, poverty and the means for resolving conflicts and alleviating human suffering.

Although anthropological studies are now conducted everywhere, from middle class suburbs and inner cities, from boardrooms to migrant labour camps, and from Papua New Guinea to Peru, what all our studies have in common is an awareness of human diversity. An anthropological approach means trying to see beyond what is usually taken for granted. This means trying to understand diverse customs and beliefs from the perspective of the people who practise those customs and hold those beliefs. It also challenges students' own assumptions, showing how such assumptions shape our actions; in the process it also shows how we could think, and act, otherwise.

Such an ability to think out of the box is a vital skill in today's increasingly interconnected, and socially and culturally complex, world.

## BSocSc Social Anthropology (Course code: L600)

This is our single honours course for Social Anthropology specialists.

It provides comprehensive knowledge of social anthropology, past and present. This includes learning about the distinctive character of Manchester Social Anthropology which is particularly known for its focus on political aspects of social and cultural life, the anthropology of visual and other sensory media, and anthropological study of new technologies. Above all, we aim to train you to think anthropologically, providing you with a cross-cultural and critical understanding of the major issues facing the world today.

The course also offers the 4 year option of **BSocSc Social Anthropology with International Study**, which enables you to spend a year abroad studying in one of our partner universities. In consultation with our Study Abroad Co-ordinator, you put together a package of appropriate course units at the host university and you write an experience based essay at the end of it. By the end of your degree course you will have gained practical cross-cultural experience of another student culture, as well as acquired knowledge, through experience and participation, of the society in which it exists.



## Student Profile: Giulietta Grassi

*"On first visiting Manchester I fell in love with it; I love the vibrancy of the city and the way in which it has so much to offer to all different types of students searching for different things. Whether it be amazing libraries, course options and museums or great music venues, clubs and student nights, Manchester has it all! If you have a passion for learning and a need to discover and explore new ideas, people and places, I would certainly say that Manchester is the best place for you."*



# SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

## What is distinctive about Social Anthropology at Manchester?

In the past, Manchester anthropology led the way in confronting difficult political and moral issues concerning the colonial systems within which anthropologists originally worked. In addition, what became known as the Manchester School pioneered the anthropological analysis of cities, social networks, and anthropological research 'at home', on our own doorstep as well as in other parts of the world.

Today we have one of the largest departments of anthropology in the UK. Our staff conduct research in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Oceania, Latin America and the Arctic. We continue to focus on political issues, in both western and other parts of the world. We have also become particular specialists in visual and sensory media; the impact of new reproductive and genetic technologies; AIDS, sexuality and masculinities; cities, migration and infrastructures; urban and border politics; crafts, play and worship.

## Social Anthropology fact file

- Very high levels of student satisfaction (usually at least 90% overall satisfaction in the annual National Student Survey),
- Commitment to research-led teaching, with senior staff teaching at all levels of the course.
- One of the largest anthropology departments in the UK (20 full-time members of staff), allowing 1 to 1 dissertation supervision
- Opportunities for year-abroad study of anthropology at a partner University
- Vibrant student community: approx. 60 specialist students admitted each year
- Thriving student-led Anthropology Society
- Opportunities to engage in 'real world' ethnographic research in the city of Manchester during the course
- Opportunities for hands-on training in visual anthropology, with access to an unrivalled library of ethnographic film

### Entry Requirements

A Level: ABB

IB: 34 points

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# SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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## Course structure

Each year of study consists of 120 course credits. Units are worth either 10 or 20 credits.

### Year 1

Few students will have studied anthropology previously. The first year is therefore structured to provide you with a strong foundation in key concepts, approaches and questions.

#### Compulsory units:

- Cultural Diversity in Global Perspective
- Culture and Power
- Key Ideas in Social Anthropology
- The Study and Practice of Anthropology at Manchester
- Regional Studies of Culture 1 and 2

#### Optional units:

Students can take either:

- Introduction to Business Anthropology: Consumers, Companies and Culture
- Introduction to Digital Film Making

Or:

A unit from outside Social Anthropology

### Year 2

This year you look more in depth at the anthropological contribution to particular thematic areas of the study of human life, as well as developing your research skills and learning more about the cutting edge research of some of the Manchester staff.

#### Compulsory units:

- The Ethnographer's Craft
- Arguing with Anthropology

#### Options include:

- Sex, Gender and Kinship
- Political and Economic Anthropology
- Anthropology of Religion
- Materiality and Representation

Plus:

20 credits from Year 3 options



### **Year 3 (or Year 4 for students taking the BSoSc with international study)**

This year focuses on specialist units which build on the research expertise of our staff. You also get the opportunity to conduct an independent piece of research (dissertation) which draws on the theoretical and methodological training received in years 1 and 2.

#### **Options include:**

- Advanced anthropological study of a world region (e.g. Sub-Saharan Africa, Oceania, the Middle East, the Arctic)
- Afterlives of Soviet Socialism
- Anthropology of International Development
- Anthropology of Science, Magic and Experience
- Anthropology of the Modern State
- Anthropology of Vision, Memory and the Senses
- Art, Activism and Anthropology
- Screening Culture
- Hinduism: India and Beyond
- Cities and Migration
- Medical Anthropology

Please note that the course units available may vary from year to year.

For more information about course units go to:  
<http://man.ac.uk/3taGz4>

### **Other ways to study Social Anthropology at Manchester**

Design your own degree!

You can combine the study of Social Anthropology with other social sciences subjects as part of the BA Social Sciences (see page 26 for more details).

Social Anthropology is also available as part of the following degrees:

BA Archaeology and Anthropology

BA Comparative Religion and Social Anthropology

BSc Linguistics and Social Anthropology

For more information go to

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses)

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For more information about course units, staff research interests, careers and Social Anthropology events go to:

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# SOCIOLOGY

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## What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of social life and social change. It adopts the perspective that individual behaviour can only be understood by studying people's social context and their webs of connection. This can lead the sociologist to many different topics of study from reproduction of inequalities in relation to social categories (such as race, class or gender), to the shaping of intimate relationships by wider cultural contexts, or the generation of resistance and protest by economic trends and crises.

An investigative 'myth busting' discipline, sociology critically examines core assumptions about social life. Research and teaching are often motivated by the desire to improve or challenge the conditions of life and society, and sociology provides a critical perspective on how and why we might change our social worlds.

All of our lecturers are also engaged in research and writing on a range of sociological topics. When we research these areas we are interested in patterns of individual and group behaviour, the rules and norms that govern that behaviour in different societies and the meanings that people attribute to their own life circumstances, social identities and relationships.

## BSocSc Sociology

(UCAS code: L300)

This is our single honours course for Sociology specialists.

Our degree gives you the skills to analyse and interpret contemporary social developments and problems. You will explore how claims about social life are based on particular types of evidence and develop the skills to critically assess them. We will help you develop your analytical and investigative skills, training you in methods of social investigation in order to equip you with the skills needed for independent thinking, research and analysis.



## Major themes of Sociology at Manchester

- Social Divisions and Inequality (class, gender and race)
- Social Movements
- Sustainability and Environment
- Social Theory
- Globalisation and Social Change
- Cultural Practices and Consumption
- Media and Technology
- Work and Economy
- Personal Life (family, intimacies and sexualities)
- Survey Methods and Qualitative Research
- Cities and Urban Life

## Sociology fact file

Number of places: **50**

Number of applications: **470**

Number of staff in Sociology at Manchester: **45**

NSS overall student satisfaction: **93%**

Sociology was ranked joint first in the UK in the last Research Assessment Exercise in 2008

We provide cutting edge research in Personal Life and Everyday Lives; Cultural Practices, Consumption and Sustainability; Social Divisions, Stratification, Inequalities and Socio-cultural Change; Social Ties, Networks and Social Movements; and Methodological Innovations.

## Entry Requirements

A Level: BBB

IB: 32 points

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# SOCIOLOGY

## Course structure

Each year of study consists of 120 course credits with the option of taking one unit per year outside Sociology for example in a language or another social science subject. Each course unit is worth 20 credits.

### Year 1

Year 1 introduces you to sociological theory and methods of social enquiry. The aim is to offer something new to those who have completed Sociology A Level, as well as providing a basic foundation in the subject to those who have not.

#### Core units:

- From Modernity to Post Modernity I
- From Modernity to Post Modernity II
- Researching Culture and Society

#### Optional Units:

- British Society in a Globalising World
- Sociology of Personal Life
- Media, Culture and Society
- Sociology of Media Arts
- Work Organisation and Society
- Technology, Communications and Culture

### Year 2

Year 2 gives you the opportunity to develop your theoretical and substantive knowledge of sociology, and receive training in research methods that prepares you for conducting independent research in year 3.

#### Core units:

- Qualitative Social Research Design and Methods
- The Survey Method in Social Research

#### Optional units include:

- Globalisation and Developing Societies
- Sociology of Popular Music
- Sustainability, Consumption & Global Responsibilities
- Racism and Ethnicity in the UK
- Sociology of Spiritual Life
- New Media
- Sociology of Nature, Environment & Risk
- Work, Economy and Society
- Self and Society

#### You can also take:

- 20 credits of an outside subject such as a language
- The Manchester Leadership Programme. This is run by the careers service. For more information go to page 31 (extracurricular opportunities)
- A course unit run by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning, which presents an opportunity for students at The University of Manchester to broaden their educational horizons. See page 31 for more details – extracurricular opportunities

## Student Profile: Amy Isbister

*"I would encourage anybody interested in social sciences to consider Manchester. The one to one academic support, module choices, volunteering opportunities, careers service and super friendly staff are all world class!"*

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### Year 3

This year focuses on specialist units which build on the research expertise of our staff. You also get the opportunity to conduct an independent piece of research which draws on the theoretical and methodological training received in years 1 and 2.

#### Core unit:

- Dissertation

#### Options include:

- Technology and Society
- Power and Protest
- A Sociology of Family Life and Intimacy
- Urban Sociology
- Gender, Time and Change
- Creating Multicultural Britain
- Sociology of Human-Animal Relations
- Identity, Power and Modernity
- Reproduction, Family Life and New Medical Technologies

### Other ways to study Sociology at Manchester

Design your own degree!

You can also study sociology alongside other social science subjects (see page 26 for more details).

Sociology is also available part of the following degrees:

BA History and Sociology:

BA Linguistics and Sociology:

BA Economics and Social Studies:

For more information go to  
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# BA SOCIAL SCIENCES (BASS)

## Design your own degree!

Our BASS degree offers you the chance to sample a broad range of social sciences subjects before you decide what to specialise in. The main features of this degree are **flexibility** and **choice**.

## How does BASS work?

The Social Sciences have many areas of overlap. Through your own selections from the extensive options we have available, you will be able to find connections and have the freedom to follow your own interests across disciplinary boundaries.

By giving you a broad foundation in the first year, during which you will study at least three subjects, it also gives you flexibility in choosing what subjects to concentrate on further. Studying one or two main disciplines in the second and third years ensures that you gain a high level of knowledge in these by the end of your degree.

You do not need to have studied social sciences before. We are looking for applicants with high levels of interest and motivation, and the ability to make informed choices to shape their own customised degree course.

### Entry Requirements

A Level: ABB

GCSE: C in Maths and English

IB: 34 points

Find more online at

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses)

## Pathways

### Philosophy and Criminology

VL53

### Philosophy and Politics

VL52

### Politics and Criminology

LM29

### Politics and Social Anthropology

LL26

### Politics and Sociology

LL23

### Social Anthropology and Criminology

LM69

### Social Anthropology and Philosophy

LV65

### Social Anthropology and Sociology

LL63

### Sociology and Criminology

LM39

### Sociology and Philosophy

LV35

### Sociology and Quantitative Methods

Course code tba

### Philosophy and Quantitative Methods

Course code tba

### Politics and Quantitative Methods

Course code tba

### Social Anthropology and Quantitative Methods

Course code tba

### Criminology and Quantitative Methods

Course code tba

Due to the flexibility of the course, you are not tied to the course code you apply to through UCAS.



For more information about Philosophy, Politics, Sociology and Social Anthropology see the relevant pages of this brochure. For more information about Criminology go to: [www.law.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk)

## What is Quantitative Methods?

The quantitative methods pathways are brand new for 2015 entry. Social Scientists have always used a wide range of data and analytical skills to understand the social world. Much of this data is quantitative and as technological advances open up a new age of 'Big Data', there is a growing demand among employers for social science graduates with the quantitative skills to analyse and make sense of data in all its forms.

The pathways do not require you to have taken Maths at A Level, but will build up your skills gradually over the three years of the degree. The emphasis throughout is on using real world data to answer real research questions of academic and policy interest. New modules have been specially designed for this pathway, and will provide training and practice in collecting, handling and analysing data, using a range of on-line resources and specialist software. In year 1 you will have the chance to explore quantitative approaches to the study of inequality as well as learning how to analyse new sources of social data generated by social media like facebook and twitter. In years 2 and 3 more specialist options build your skills in

areas including demographic analysis and the advanced study of social networks.

On completion the quantitative pathways will have given you an excellent training for entry into a wide range of careers where quantitative skills are currently in great demand among employers, including social and political research and consultancy, business and marketing. In addition, as part of the **Manchester Q-Step programme** (see page 33), students on the quantitative pathways will benefit from paid placements in the second year of study.

Even if you don't want to specialise with one of the formal quantitative pathways, our quantitative units are designed to be accessible as options and are a great opportunity to develop your analytical skills and gain hands-on experience in using quantitative data and software tools. And whatever your pathway, taking one of our second year quantitative units opens up the opportunity to apply for one of the Q-Step paid Summer Work Placements.



# BA SOCIAL SCIENCES (BASS)

## Course structure

Each year of study consist of 120 course credits.  
Each unit is worth either 10 or 20 credits.

### Year 1

#### Compulsory unit:

- Engaging with Social Research

#### Optional units:

You would take credits from a minimum of three subject areas as below.

#### Philosophy units include

- Values We Live By
- Critical Thinking
- Mind and World
- Philosophy and Social Sciences

#### Politics units include

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Introduction to International Politics
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Britain in the Global Context

#### Social Anthropology include

- Culture and Power
- Culture and Diversity in Global Perspective
- Culture and Society
- Introduction to Business Anthropology

#### Sociology units include

- British Society in a Globalising World
- From Modernity to Post Modernity
- Media, Culture and Society
- Sociology of Personal Life

#### Criminology units include

- Crime and Society
- Foundations of Criminal Justice
- Psychology, Crime and Criminal Justice

#### Quantitative Methods units include

- Applied Statistics for Economists
- Unequal Societies – Health, Well-Being & Happiness
- Understanding Social Media

#### Other optional course units

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- An Introduction to Development



## Year 2

It is at this stage that you begin to specialise. If you decide to specialise in one subject you will take between 60 – 80 credits in it. If you decide to specialise in two subjects you will take at least 40 credits in each.

You can also take 20 credits of free choice for example a language, or you could choose to study abroad in the second semester. You could also take the Manchester Leadership Programme or another course unit run by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning (see page 31 (extracurricular activities).

For more information about Year 2 options go to <http://man.ac.uk/3taGz4>

## Year 3

All students complete a dissertation in one of their areas of specialisation.

Again if you are specialising in one subject you take between 60 – 80 credits in it. If you are specialising in two subjects you must take at least 40 credits in each.

For more information about Year 3 options go to <http://man.ac.uk/3taGz4>

## Student Profile: Catherine Priest

*"I applied to three other universities but Manchester was my first choice as its reputation for Social Sciences and research is second to none.*

*I feel proud to have gained a place at Manchester and am enjoying the course very much."*

For more information about course units, staff research or events go to  
**[www.manchester.ac.uk/socialsciences](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/socialsciences)**



# EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

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The University of Manchester offers you a wide range of opportunities to support your studies and enhance your student experience.

## Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP)

The MLP is a university-wide, second year course unit run by the careers service consisting of a unique combination of academic credits and volunteering. MLP students learn about the challenges facing society in the 21st century, and the leadership approaches needed to address them, both in theory and in real-world practice. The programme also helps students to develop the skills and experiences that graduate employers seek.

Find out more: [www.manchester.ac.uk/mlp](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/mlp)

## Study abroad

All of our undergraduate courses give the opportunity to spend time studying at an overseas university; either through the Erasmus scheme at a European university, or through the Study Abroad scheme which is worldwide. For more information about where you can go visit [www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/expanding-study/study-abroad](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/expanding-study/study-abroad)

## University College

The University College for Interdisciplinary Learning presents an opportunity for all students to broaden their intellectual horizons. It offers course units that showcase the breadth and depth of research and knowledge found at the University and encourages students to go beyond the boundaries.

Some of the units available this year are: The Digital Society, Future Cities, Intercultural Communication, Introduction to British Sign Language, Physics and the Grand Challenges of Today.

Find out more:

[www.college.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk)

## Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to enhance your student experience. As well as being fun, it can help you develop essential skills that employers look for, such as project management, communication and team work skills. It also gives you the opportunity to meet new people, and enjoy the feel-good factor that comes from knowing you're making a difference in the community.

The University of Manchester has a dedicated Volunteering and Community Engagement Team, which can support and encourage you with getting involved in volunteering.

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## Student Societies

Student societies are a great way to meet new people and make like-minded friends at university. Each of our undergraduate courses has its own student-run society who organise social, career and academic related events. Getting involved in your course society is a brilliant way to enhance your CV, through the skills you'll gain from organising an end of year ball, maintaining a website or acting as a treasurer to name but a few.

In addition to course societies, the Students' Union is home to societies for practically everything you can imagine; from aikido to wakeboarding, astronomy to zoology, there are loads of things to get involved in. For a full list please see the Students' Union website below. If there isn't a society yet for something you're interested in you can set one up yourself!  
[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com)





# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Our degrees have an excellent reputation for employability and our graduates have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of paths, reflecting the broad based nature of our programmes. Our graduates are doubly blessed, as the University of Manchester has one of the best records for placing graduates with employers of any British university, and we are currently the joint most targeted university by top graduate recruiters in the UK.

Traditional avenues that have been popular with our graduates include local and national government, the civil service, journalism and the media, charities, social work, teaching, law, consultancy, public and private sector management and social research.

Our most recent graduates are currently working in the following fields:

- **Government and Public Sector** at the UN, Houses of Parliament, Ministry of Justice, Department for Work and Pensions, social services, British Council, NHS, Ministry of Justice, FCO
- **Private Sector** at Google, Palgrave McMillan, Siemens
- **Graduate schemes** at the BBC, BT, IBM and Shelter

## Careers Service

Our award-winning Careers Service will work in partnership with you throughout your degree to develop and improve the skills that employers look for. It can also help you find part-time jobs, volunteering and work experience placements while you study here.

Find out more online

[www.manchester.ac.uk/careers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers)

## Postgraduate Study

A popular route for our graduates is to pursue postgraduate study. Some of our most recent graduates are currently pursuing further study in Accountancy, Economics and Econometrics, Law, Political Theory and Political Economy, Business and Management.

We also offer a wide range of specialist masters programmes within the School of Social Sciences, to suit all undergraduate pathways.

Find out more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate)



## The Manchester Q-Step Centre

[www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step)

Q-Step is a £19.5 million national programme designed to promote a step-change in quantitative social science training. Manchester has been chosen as one of just fifteen universities to host a Q-Step Centre.

The Manchester Q-Step Centre offers our students the opportunity to acquire skills to help them understand, analyse and criticise data, through an integrated set of new courses and work placement opportunities.

These include

- 5 new specialist programme pathways as part of the BA (Social Science degree) (see page 26)
- a range of module options open to students on all courses featured in this brochure, which provide training and practice in collecting, handling and analysing data, using a range of on-line software.
- an exciting programme of Summer placements in year 2 of your degree, involving 6-8 weeks working with one of a range of local and national organisations over the Summer, supported by a generous stipend. See [www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step/summer-projects](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step/summer-projects) for the latest placements. We have plans to add to these in 2014 and 2015 with new overseas placements with prestigious international organisations like the World Bank
- dedicated one-to-one support for students using data in project work and dissertations

All our training activities are designed to be accessible to students of all backgrounds (you do not need to have studied A level Maths) and place an emphasis on hands-on learning using a range of real world datasets to answer real and interesting questions of academic and policy interest.

Through our activities we aim to provide our undergraduates with the quantitative expertise to pursue further study and compete in the graduate job market, where quantitative and data skills are currently in huge demand among employers.



# STUDENT SUPPORT

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## Student Induction

An induction programme for all new students takes place during Welcome Week to help you settle in. This includes:

- Welcome talks
- The opportunity to meet students on your course and other courses within the School of Social Sciences
- Meetings with your programme director, student support staff and your peer mentor
- Presentations from key University services
- The opportunity to join student societies and various social events

## Pastoral care

All new students are assigned an Academic Advisor who will provide you with support and advice in one-to-one meetings at regular intervals throughout your degree. Lecturers and course directors hold weekly Office Hours to discuss any aspect of individual course units.

## Student mentor scheme

We operate a peer mentoring scheme which provides first year students with a second or third year trained mentor who will be able to provide practical assistance with settling into student life. Sometimes there may be things that you feel more comfortable discussing with other students rather than university staff. In this case, mentors are extremely beneficial, and can help you to make the most of your time at Manchester, both academically and socially.

## Student Support Office

We have a dedicated undergraduate support office within the School of Social Sciences, who will be your first point of contact for any ill health or personal problems which are affecting your work.

## Students' Union

The University of Manchester Students' Union (UMSU) is a student-led organisation and has some of the most active student societies in the country, as well as a wide range of support and welfare services. UMSU has an advice centre to assist you with academic issues and a peer support centre whose services include Nightline, a confidential listening and information service run for students by students.

[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com)

# FIND OUT MORE ONLINE



## **Accommodation**

Discover your potential new home:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation)

## **Admissions and Applications**

Everything you need to apply to Manchester:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications)

## **Alan Gilbert Learning Commons**

A brand new independent learning resource for our students:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons)

## **Childcare**

Support for students who are also parents:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/childcare](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/childcare)

## **Disability support/applicants with additional support needs**

For any additional support needs:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/dso](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dso)

## **Funding and Finance**

Fees, loans, scholarships and more:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance)

## **International Students**

Discover what we offer our multinational community:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international)

## **IT Services**

Online learning, computer access and IT support:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices)

## **Library**

One of the UK's largest and best-resourced university libraries:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/library](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library)

## **Mature Students**

Further information for adults returning to education:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/mature-students](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/mature-students)

## **Prospectus**

Access or order a copy of our prospectus:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus)

## **Social Media**

Tweet and follow us:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media)

## **Sport**

Excellent clubs, leagues, classes and facilities, plus sports scholarships:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/sport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport)

## **Study Abroad**

It is possible to spend a semester at an overseas university whichever degree course you pick:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/expanding-study/study-abroad](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/expanding-study/study-abroad)

## **Support**

Dedicated academic, personal, financial and admin assistance:  
[http://my.manchester.ac.uk/guest](http://http://my.manchester.ac.uk/guest)

## **Students' Union**

Societies, events, peer support, campaigns and more:  
[www.manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://www.manchesterstudentsunion.com)

## **Videos**

See and hear more about us:  
[www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester](http://www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester)

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## Visiting us

### Open days

The university organises open days every year in June and October. These are an opportunity to find out more about the course, meet students and staff and tour the campus. You will also get the opportunity to find out more about accommodation, finance, study abroad and our facilities. For more information go to:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/opendays](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/opendays)

### Post-application visit days

If you apply and receive an offer we will invite you to a visit day where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the School, teaching and learning, study opportunities and student life.

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## Contact us

For further information please contact:

### School of Social Sciences

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[www.manchester.ac.uk/socialsciences](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/socialsciences)

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### Disclaimer

Please note that available course units vary from year to year, and those included are an indicative selection.

