

## BA Social Sciences

### What you will study

This document gives you a flavour of what you might study as part of a BA Social Sciences course (or BASS for short) at Manchester.

The BASS degree is an extremely flexible course that allows you to study what you enjoy most, whilst still ensuring that you build up a solid understanding of each of the subjects.

Each of the subjects that forms part of the BA Social Sciences course is a **pathway** (so Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Statistics and Criminology).

These combine to form a **joint pathway** (such as Philosophy and Politics) or a **single pathway** (such as just Social Anthropology).

You apply for a particular joint pathway but if you want you can change away from this (and towards something else) during your first year once you have experienced how we teach these subjects at Manchester – the choice is up to you.

### BA Social Sciences Options

#### Year 1

Philosophy

Politics

Social Anthropology

Sociology

Criminology

Social Statistics

#### Year 2

Core Methodology

Philosophy

Politics

Social Anthropology

Sociology

Criminology

Social Statistics

#### Year 3

Dissertations

Philosophy

Politics

Social Anthropology

Sociology

Criminology

Social Statistics

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

<http://bit.ly/bass>

## Credits and pre-requisites

**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.

## Year 1

The first year of the BASS course is designed to introduce you to the social sciences.

Although you apply for a particular pathway in your first year you choose course units from at least three social sciences areas from Philosophy, Politics, Criminology, Sociology, Social Statistics and Social Anthropology.

This is meant to give you flexibility in the options that you can choose as you go through your course.

In your first year you will take 120 units overall which include:

- One compulsory course unit
- Plus 100 units from at least **three** of the following subject areas:
  - Philosophy
  - Politics
  - Social Anthropology
  - Sociology
  - Criminology
  - Social Statistics
- You can also choose from other course units

### **Compulsory unit**

All BASS students take the BASS exclusive 'Engaging with Social Research', which introduces you to study skills and research methodology and presentation, which you will use throughout your course.

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Engaging With Social Research</a>	20

## Philosophy

If you are choosing Philosophy as part of your pathway (i.e. Philosophy and Politics etc) you will need to take Critical Thinking.

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Values We Live By</a>	20
<a href="#">Critical Thinking</a>	20
<a href="#">Discovering Reality</a>	20
<a href="#">Mind and World</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy &amp; Social Science</a>	20
<a href="#">History of Philosophy</a>	20

## Politics

If you are choosing Politics as part of your pathway (i.e. Politics and Sociology) you will need to take at least one of the courses marked with \*

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Introduction to Comparative Politics</a> *	20
<a href="#">Introduction to International Politics</a> *	20
<a href="#">Introduction to Political Theory</a> *	20
<a href="#">Britain in the World: The British Political Tradition</a>	20
<a href="#">Making Sense of Politics</a>	20
<a href="#">Politics of the Global Economy</a>	20

## Social Anthropology

Course units	Credits
<a href="#">Power and Culture: Inequality in Everyday Life</a>	10
<a href="#">Cultural Diversity in Global Perspective</a>	10
<a href="#">Key Ideas in Social Anthropology</a>	20
<a href="#">Regional Studies of Culture: 1</a>	20
<a href="#">Regional Studies of Culture: 2</a>	20
<a href="#">Introduction to Business Anthropology: Consumers, Companies and Culture</a>	20
<a href="#">Digital Film-Making</a>	20

## Sociology

if you are choosing Sociology as part of your pathway (ie Politics and Sociology) you will need to take at least one of the courses marked with \*

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">British Society in a Globalising World</a>	20
<a href="#">From Modernity to Postmodernity I</a> *	20
<a href="#">From Modernity to Postmodernity II</a> *	20
<a href="#">Media, Culture &amp; Society 1</a>	20
<a href="#">Media, Culture &amp; Society 2</a>	20
<a href="#">Sociology of Personal Life</a>	20
<a href="#">Work, Organisations and Society</a>	20

## Criminology

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Crime and Society</a>	20
<a href="#">Foundations of Criminal Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">Psychology, Crime and Criminal Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">Criminal Law</a>	20

## Social Statistics

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Applied Statistics for Economists</a>	10
<a href="#">Understanding Social Media</a>	20
<a href="#">Unequal Societies - Health, Wellbeing &amp; Happiness</a>	20

## Other course units

As long as you have chosen from three of the subject areas above you can then choose up to 20 units from the courses below.

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Microeconomic Principles</a> (if you do not have A-level Economics or equivalent)	10
<a href="#">Macroeconomic Principles</a> (if you do not have A-level Economics or equivalent)	10
<a href="#">The UK Economy - Microeconomics</a> (if you have A-level Economics or equivalent)	10
<a href="#">The UK Economy - Macroeconomics</a> (if you have A-level Economics or equivalent)	10
<a href="#">An Introduction to Development Studies</a>	10

## Year 2

In your second year you'll again take 120 units overall. If you decide to specialise in a single pathway (such as just Politics or Philosophy) then you will need to take at least half of your second year in that area (60 units out of 120) up to a maximum of two thirds (80 units).

If you take a joint pathway (such as Social Anthropology and Criminology) you need to take a minimum of a third of your year in each (40 units).

You'll need to take at least one of the core methodology units from one of your pathway subjects. (Although this will depend on what you choose to study)

### **Core methodology courses**

<b>Course unit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<a href="#">Philosophical Methods</a>	20
<a href="#">Politics Research Project</a>	20
<a href="#">The Ethnographer's Craft</a>	20
<a href="#">The Survey Method in Social Research</a>	20
<a href="#">Qualitative Research Design &amp; Methods</a>	20
<a href="#">Accessing and Understanding Data for Criminologists</a>	20

### **Philosophy**

<b>Course unit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<a href="#">Philosophical Methods</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Religion</a>	20
<a href="#">Locke, Berkley, Hume</a>	20
<a href="#">Ethics</a>	20
<a href="#">20th Century Analytical Philosophy</a>	20
<a href="#">Formal Logic</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Science</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Mind</a>	20
<a href="#">Phenomenology</a>	20
<a href="#">Aesthetics</a>	20

### **Social Anthropology**

<b>Course unit</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<a href="#">Sex, Gender and Kinship</a>	20
<a href="#">Anthropology of Religion</a>	20
<a href="#">Political and Economic Anthropology</a>	20
<a href="#">The Ethnographer's Craft</a>	20
<a href="#">Materiality and Representation</a>	20
<a href="#">Arguing with Anthropology</a>	20

## Politics

Course unit	Credit
<a href="#">Politics Research Project</a>	20
<a href="#">The Politics of Globalisation</a>	20
<a href="#">The Politics of Development</a>	20
<a href="#">The Politics of (in)Security</a>	20
<a href="#">Questions About International Politics</a>	20
<a href="#">From Blitz to the 'Big Society: Politics &amp; Society in Britain Since 1940</a>	20
<a href="#">Arguing About Politics: Political Theory in the World</a>	20
<a href="#">Chinese Politics Today</a>	10
<a href="#">The Politics of Policy Making</a>	20
<a href="#">Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates</a>	20
<a href="#">Comparative European Politics</a>	10
<a href="#">France under the Fifth Republic</a>	10
<a href="#">National Politics of Germany</a>	10
<a href="#">Mediterranean Politics</a>	10
<a href="#">Comparative Politics of East-Central Europe</a>	10

## Sociology

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Qualitative Research Design &amp; Methods</a>	20
<a href="#">The Survey Method in Social Research</a>	20
<a href="#">Sociology of Popular Music</a>	20
<a href="#">Sociology of Nature, Environment and Risk</a>	20
<a href="#">Work, Economy and Society</a>	20
<a href="#">Social Network Analysis</a>	20
<a href="#">Self and Society</a>	20
<a href="#">New Media</a>	20
<a href="#">Sustainability, Consumption &amp; Global Responsibilities</a>	20
<a href="#">Interaction and Social Order</a>	20
<a href="#">Gender, Sexuality and Culture</a>	20
<a href="#">Racism and Ethnicity in the UK</a>	20
<a href="#">Global Migration</a>	20
<a href="#">Education and Society</a>	20
<a href="#">Sociology of Fashion</a>	20

## Social Statistics

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">The Mozart Effect and statistical inference: Does listening to Mozart make me smarter?</a>	20
<a href="#">The Survey Method in Social Research</a>	20
<a href="#">Essentials of survey design and analysis</a>	20
<a href="#">Market Research</a>	10

## Criminology

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Policing and the Police</a>	20
<a href="#">Criminology and Criminal Justice in Action</a>	20
<a href="#">Explaining Crime and Deviance</a>	20
<a href="#">Accessing and Understanding Data for Criminologists</a>	20
<a href="#">Understanding Punishment</a>	20

## Other course units

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Career Management Skills</a>	10
<a href="#">Business Economics 1A</a>	10
<a href="#">Business Economics IB</a>	10
<a href="#">Development Economics IIA</a>	10
<a href="#">Development Economics IIB</a>	10

## Free choice units

As part of the 120 units in your second year you can choose to take up to 20 units 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/](http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/)

You can also take advantage 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](http://www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk)

You can also choose units offered 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](http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk)

## Year 3

In your final year you'll again take 120 units overall. If you decide to specialise in a single pathway (such as just Sociology or Criminology) then you will need to take at least half of your third year in that area (60 units out of 120) up to a maximum of two thirds (80 units).

If you take a joint pathway (such as Philosophy and Politics) you need to take a minimum of a third of your units in each (40 units).

You'll also need to take a compulsory dissertation from one of your pathway subjects.

### **Dissertations**

<b>Course unit</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<a href="#">Dissertation (20 credit)</a> (Philosophy)	20
<a href="#">Dissertation (40 credit)</a> (Philosophy)	40
<a href="#">Dissertation A</a> (Politics)	40
<a href="#">Dissertation B</a> (Politics)	20
<a href="#">Dissertation A</a> (Social Anthropology)	40
<a href="#">Dissertation B - 20 credit dissertation</a> (Social Anthropology)	20
<a href="#">Dissertation (20 credits)</a> (Sociology)	20
<a href="#">Dissertation B (40 credits)</a> (Sociology)	40
<a href="#">Short Dissertation</a> (Criminology)	20
<a href="#">Long Dissertation</a> (Criminology)	40

### **Philosophy**

<b>Course unit</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<a href="#">Metaphysics</a>	20
<a href="#">Metaethics and Religious Language</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Language</a>	20
<a href="#">Issues in Epistemology</a>	20
<a href="#">Special Author: Russell</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Psychology</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Mathematics</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophical Logic</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Action</a>	20
<a href="#">Philosophy of Music</a>	20
<a href="#">Personhood and Freedom of the Will</a>	20
<a href="#">Jurisprudence</a>	20



## Politics

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Russian Politics</a>	20
<a href="#">Theories of Rights</a>	20
<a href="#">The Politics of the European Union</a>	20
<a href="#">Gender, Sexuality and Politics</a>	20
<a href="#">Elections and Voters in Britain</a>	20
<a href="#">Political Morality</a>	20
<a href="#">Politics of Hate</a>	20
<a href="#">Labour Market Policy</a>	20
<a href="#">News Media &amp; International Crisis</a>	20
<a href="#">Introduction to International Political Economy</a>	20
<a href="#">Global Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">Gender, War &amp; Militarism</a>	20
<a href="#">Africa &amp; Global Politics</a>	20
<a href="#">Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe</a>	20
<a href="#">Democracy in the European Union</a>	20
<a href="#">Borders, Identities, Citizenship</a>	20
<a href="#">Contemporary Parliamentary Studies and the British Political Tradition</a>	20
<a href="#">Fear and Loathing in International Relations: The Problem of Identity and Difference</a>	20
<a href="#">Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship</a>	20
<a href="#">Sex, Bodies and Money: Gendering International Political Economy</a>	20
<a href="#">Ideologies of Global Capitalism</a>	20
<a href="#">Understanding Political Choice in Britain</a>	20
<a href="#">Global Capitalism, Crisis and Revolt</a>	20
<a href="#">Children, Family and Social Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">War Memories and Reconciliation in East Asia</a>	20
<a href="#">Morality and Markets</a>	20

## Social Anthropology

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">An Anthropology of Science, Magic and Expertise</a>	20
<a href="#">Medical Anthropology</a>	20
<a href="#">Regional Anthropology: Sub-Saharan Africa</a>	20
<a href="#">Anthropology of the Arctic</a>	20
<a href="#">Art, Activism and Anthropology</a>	
<a href="#">Anthropology of Development - The Anth. of International Development: the Expertise of "Doing Good"</a>	
<a href="#">The Anthropology of the Modern State</a>	20
<a href="#">Screening Culture</a>	20
<a href="#">Arguing with Anthropology</a>	20
<a href="#">Anthropology of Vision, Senses and Memory</a>	20

## Sociology

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Sociology of Human Animal Relations</a>	20
<a href="#">Urban Sociology</a>	20
<a href="#">Identity, Power &amp; Modernity</a>	20
<a href="#">Power and Protest</a>	20
<a href="#">Sociology of Family Life &amp; Intimacy</a>	20
<a href="#">Ethnomethodology &amp; Conversation Analysis</a>	20
<a href="#">Forced Migration</a>	20
<a href="#">Creating Multicultural Britain</a>	20
<a href="#">Applications of Social Networks</a>	20
<a href="#">Gender, Time and Change</a>	20
<a href="#">Reproduction &amp; New Medical Technologies</a>	20

## Criminology

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">White-Collar and Corporate Crime: crimes of finance and the finances of crime</a>	20
<a href="#">Crime Mapping: an introduction to GIS and spatial analysis</a>	20
<a href="#">Drugs and Society</a>	20
<a href="#">Crime, Prevention and Community Safety</a>	20
<a href="#">Comparative Studies in Crime and Criminal Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">Counter Terrorism</a>	20
<a href="#">Organising Crime: Migration, Trafficking and Smuggling</a>	20
<a href="#">Victims, Crime and Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">Miscarriages of Justice</a>	20
<a href="#">Youth Justice and Juvenile Delinquency</a>	20

## Social Statistics

Course unit	Credits
<a href="#">Theory &amp; Method in Demography</a>	20
<a href="#">Advanced Social Network Analysis</a>	20
<a href="#">Modelling Social Inequality</a>	20

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

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