



University  
of Glasgow

# Sociology

## Undergraduate study



Founded in 1451, the University of Glasgow has inspired thinkers from the father of economics, Adam Smith, to the pioneer of television, John Logie Baird.



## Choose Glasgow

### Introduction

The University of Glasgow is rated as one of the top 100 universities in the world (*Times Higher Education QS World University Rankings*).

All of our students study for degrees that are recognised and respected by employers throughout the world, but we can guarantee you will receive a lot more besides. Some of the key benefits of student life at Glasgow are:

### High standards

We have been building on more than 550 years of teaching excellence to provide an education that inspires respect from employers and satisfaction from students.

Our students report high levels of satisfaction with their degree programmes. According to the independent National Student Survey, an impressive 90% of the University's final-year students rated themselves as satisfied with their course in 2009, well above the national average of 81%.

### Flexible course choices

We have more than 900 degree programme combinations, and a flexible system that allows you to study a broad range of subjects during your time at university and, in many cases, makes it possible to delay choosing specialist subjects until the end of second year.

### A reputation for innovation

Glasgow students have the opportunity to learn from pioneering thinkers at the forefront of discovery. Whether finding ways to purify water in developing countries, searching out possible cures for cancer or taking vital steps towards the creation of solar fuel, our academics and students are constantly developing solutions for today's problems.

### A student experience worth having

The University is proud of the experiences that being a Glasgow student brings, but not as proud as its students – the 2009 International Student Barometer ranks Glasgow fourth in the UK for student satisfaction. We have

- four award-winning student media teams
- over 100 clubs and societies
- two undergraduate student unions
- sporting facilities for all levels of fitness
- a study abroad and exchange programme that offers opportunities to study across the world as part of your undergraduate degree.

### Our campus

The University's compact main campus combines grand historical buildings with up-to-the-minute facilities. It's centred on a neo-gothic building with a spire offering breathtaking views across the city.

### Come and visit us

#### Open Day

[www.glasgow.ac.uk/openday](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/openday)

In June and September we hold an Open Day to allow you, your family and teachers to visit us on campus and see a little of the city.

Open Day allows you to speak to academic staff, find out more about courses, tour the facilities, visit student accommodation and see for yourself what life would be like as a student at Glasgow. If you have a long way to travel you can also stay in one of our student residences.

#### Alternative visiting arrangements

Open Day is the best way for you to get a comprehensive picture of what being a student here would be like. However, if for any reason you can't make it on that date, then we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

To find out more visit:

[www.glasgow.ac.uk/afternoonvisits](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/afternoonvisits).

#### Applicants' Visit Day

At Glasgow we go the extra mile. If you receive an offer of a place at Glasgow, we will invite you to visit us before making your final decision. Applicants' Visit Day usually takes place in March. Details will be sent to you together with your offer of a place.

### Where can I find out more?

You can find out more about studying sociology on our website: [www.glasgow.ac.uk/sociology](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/sociology).

Alternatively, if you have any questions, you can contact Dr Francesca Scrinzi, email: [f.scrinzi@socsci.gla.ac.uk](mailto:f.scrinzi@socsci.gla.ac.uk).



## Sociology

Degree: MA (SocSci), MA

### Typical offer

<b>Highers</b>	AABB (first sitting) AAAB (two sittings)
<b>A-levels</b>	AAB (first sitting) AAA (two sittings)
<b>IB</b>	34 points

For entry requirements visit [www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/entryrequirements](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/entryrequirements)

Sociology and anthropology both involve the study of human social behaviour, especially social organisations, institutions and cultural development. The scope is very wide, encompassing both the experience of individuals and the investigation of worldwide social processes.

We have a well established Sociology Honours programme which can include both sociology and anthropology modules. The integration of both disciplines is a particular strength, adding a global dimension to our sociology teaching.

### What can I expect in first year?

In first year you will be introduced to sociology and anthropology as interrelated disciplines within the social sciences and will be provided with a basic sociological and anthropological understanding of a range of global social inequalities.

Our Level-1 provision is divided into two modules:

- *Sociology and anthropology 1A: global inequalities and diversity*
- *Sociology 1B: critical research in contemporary societies.*

These modules introduce you to the study of sociology and anthropology and to their distinctive approaches, theories and methods. Some of the issues that will be covered in these courses are class, racism, gender, mass media and crime and control.

### What can I expect in second year?

Our Level-2 provision is divided into two modules:

- *Sociology and anthropology 2A: encountering modernity*
- *Sociology 2B: interrogating modernity.*

These modules focus on the development of the characteristic institutions, relationships and understandings of modern society in both European and non-European contexts. They also consider the way in which sociologists and anthropologists have studied some of the key dilemmas, tensions and inequalities of modern society.

### What happens next?

If you successfully complete all of our Level-1 and Level-2 courses you may progress to two further years of study for an Honours degree. You can choose to study Sociology on its own for a Single Honours degree, or in combination with another subject for a Joint Honours degree. Single Honours students take some compulsory courses, highlighted in bold below, and also choose from a range of options including:

- **Understanding social research**
- **Understanding qualitative research**
- **Dissertation**
- **Social theory 1: foundations of society**
- *The sociology and anthropology of the body*
- *Modern Japanese society*
- *Understanding and explaining crime*
- *Sociology of racism*
- *Anthropology of religion: ritual, society and change*
- *Anthropology of religion: cosmology, culture and belief*
- *Doing cultural sociology*
- *Sociology and anthropology of Soviet and post-Soviet Russia: cultural politics and social change*
- *Society and environment in the post-Soviet world for sociologists and anthropologists*
- *Imperialism: classical analysis and contemporary directions*
- *World views*
- *Black radical social thought*
- *Consumption: theoretical and historical issues*
- *Global civil society and human rights*
- *Sexualities*
- *Sociology of social change*
- *Media 1: issues of production, information supply and content*
- *Media 2: audiences, new media and the future of public broadcasting*
- *Violence and social harm*
- *Sexualities*
- *Sociology of gender*
- *Power, politics and the state*
- *Forced migration, asylum and refugees*
- *Youth and social change*
- *Medical anthropology.*

### Joint Honours combinations

You may study Sociology with another subject at Honours level. Subjects which may be taken in combination with Sociology include:

- Arts & Media Informatics
- Business & Management
- Business Economics
- Central & East European Studies
- Classics (Classical Civilisation)
- Czech
- Economic & Social History
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film & Television Studies
- French
- Gaelic
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- History of Art
- Italian
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Polish
- Politics
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Russian
- Scottish History
- Scottish Literature
- Spanish.

At Honours' level you are given the opportunity to carry out an original piece of social research which you will design yourself – building on the training you will have received in social research methods – and the results of which you will analyse and discuss in an extended dissertation.

### Can I study abroad?

At Glasgow you can take advantage of a range of exciting opportunities to study abroad as part of your degree. Courses you take overseas form an integral part of your degree without adding an extra year or semester.

The University holds a Study Abroad Fair every November. Information is also available on our website: [www.glasgow.ac.uk/studying/exchange](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/studying/exchange).

### What are my career prospects?

An Honours degree in Sociology from Glasgow will prepare you for employment in a number of fields that require a sophisticated, critical and questioning understanding of the workings of society. For example, some of our graduates are now employed in the media, with city councils, development agencies, in market research, data analysis, business management, housing and education.

‘Scotland at its artsy, riotous, high-octane, good-time best.’

Lonely Planet



## City of Glasgow

### What is it like living and studying in Glasgow?

Named as one of the world’s top ten cities by independent travel guide *Lonely Planet*, Glasgow attracts the largest student population in Scotland. The city’s reputation for friendliness means that wherever you come from, you’ll soon treat it as your second home.

#### Music and nightlife

In an average week Glasgow hosts 123 bands, 72 classical composers, 49 choirs, 38 orchestras and 21 jazz bands. Renowned for discovering acts from Franz Ferdinand to Primal Scream, the city has fantastic venues for live music including King Tut’s Wah Wah Hut – voted UK’s best live venue by listeners of Radio 1 three years in a row.

More than 700 bars, pubs and nightclubs mean no two nights in Glasgow are the same. Whether you’re after a record-breaking 100-foot long bar where everyone can be a barfly (the Horseshoe), or a pub with a log fire, stuffed stags’ heads and kilted staff that’s as appealing as it is unpronounceable (Uisge Beatha), Glasgow has a venue to suit. Dance until you drop at the Subclub, or travel back to 1920s America at the Vegas clubnight on the Renfrew Ferry, it’s up to you.

#### Festivals

At least one festival every month of the year shows Glasgow loves to celebrate. Some of our favourites include Glasgow International Comedy Festival, Celtic Connections folk music festival, Glasgay, Piping Live!, Glasgow Film Festival and Aye Write!, the city’s book festival.

#### Culture

The city of Glasgow owns one of the richest collections in Europe, displayed in 13 museums and art galleries – and admission is free. You are spoilt for choice, with the city’s famous Burrell collection vying for attention beside Scotland’s most visited attraction, the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, located next door to the University.

#### Sport

The city will host the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Across the world people know Glasgow as home of Celtic and Rangers football clubs, but with no fewer than 27 public fitness centres including swimming pools, running tracks, 11-a-side pitches and tennis courts, you’re guaranteed to find something to get involved with, whatever your level of fitness.

#### Campus culture

Are you craving cosy campus living or do you prefer big city excitement. Whichever is your style, you’ll be impressed by the University’s excellent location in the compact West End. Just two miles from the city centre, with great bus and underground links, the West End has a reputation as the bohemian, trendy and cosmopolitan quarter of Glasgow.



### What our students say

‘Glasgow is such a diverse and vibrant city with lots to offer and a great social scene with a fantastic range of bars, clubs and music venues.’

Alexander Hutchison

‘I chose Glasgow because compared to the other cities I visited it just seemed like a much more lively place. I think the high student population makes it a very young city.’

Elizabeth Ritz

‘The campus at Glasgow is unbelievably beautiful. It’s hard to believe sometimes when walking down busy Byres Road and turning into University Avenue, that this Hogwarts is situated right in the heart of the West End.’

Beverley Simpson

‘Glasgow is very vibrant. The West End is like the village within the city.’

Sarah Gibson