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MA (SocSci) (Hons) (L430): Four years
Joint Honours available, see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/publicpolicy.

Entry requirements

Our programme webpages advertise the most up-to-date detail on our entry requirements for 2021-22 entry at glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate. Due to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on grades certified in 2020, we are currently assessing the flexibility that we can offer in the consideration of academic entry requirements. We will publish any changes on our webpages.

Glasgow Q-Step Degrees
Studying Social & Public Policy at Glasgow can be taken in partnership with the Glasgow Q-Step programme to give you more opportunities to develop your quantitative research skills. For more information visit: glasgow.ac.uk/socialpolitical/q-stepcentre.

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Career prospects
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Why choose Glasgow?
Social Policy at Glasgow is ranked joint top in the UK for student satisfaction (NSS 2019). You’ll have the valuable opportunity of a work placement in a voluntary or public sector organisation.

Year 1
You will examine the development of policies and services such as healthcare and social security that were created to eradicate postwar social problems, through a focus on the Beveridge Report of 1942, which identified the “Five Giants” of want, disease, squalor, ignorance and idleness. Then, using policies and practices in Glasgow as a lens, you will have the opportunity to study current responses to globalisation and contemporary social problems such as housing, excess mortality, youth gangs, drugs misuse and urban deprivation.
You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2
You will study influential ideas and major perspectives on welfare and public policy in order to examine assumptions about the aims of policy and the functions of welfare, including differences in ideological and social agendas in an international context. You will study the politics and power dynamics of policymaking, considering how social problems, such as welfare reform, inequality and big data, are constructed and why some are higher on the political agenda than others.

Years 3 and 4
If you progress to Honours (years 3 and 4) you will choose subjects from a diverse range of topics to suit your interests, including:
• work, welfare and the politics of reform
• disability and society
• health and health inequalities
• housing policy, welfare and markets
• remaking cities: dilemmas of 21st-century urban policy
• education for citizenship
• making public policy in the real world
• active citizenship (includes a placement in a voluntary or public sector organisation)
• ideological concepts and values
• utopias: welfare theory and social policies for a “good society”
• big data, policy and power
• youth policy and welfare: cross cultural perspectives.

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