Sociology

Sociology studies the ways that people organise their lives together, the constraints within which they do so, the patterns of their social behaviour, and the causes and consequences of social inequalities.

MA (SocSci) (Hons) (L300): Four years
Joint Honours available; see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/sociology.

Year 1
You will be introduced to the discipline of sociology and to the key concepts, theories and methods sociologists use to understand the nature of contemporary societies and processes of social change.

Through studying classic and contemporary examples of sociological research from a range of different societies, you will explore what it means to think sociologically, anthropologically and criminologically about class, identities, inequalities, everyday life, crime, media, globalisation and development.

You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2
You will deepen your understanding of inequalities, social identities and social change in a global context, by examining a range of examples drawn from sociology, anthropology and criminology, and from a range of societies across the world.

Years 3 and 4
If you progress to Honours (years 3 and 4) you will choose from a wide range of course options such as:
- Black radical social thought
- Class and the making of modern Britain
- Consumption
- Drugs and culture
- Gender
- Global migrations
- Media
- Punishment and society
- Sexualities
- Sociological alternatives
- Sociology of racism
- Understanding and explaining crime
- Youth, gangs and globalisation.

You will also receive dedicated training in social research methods so that you can design, conduct and report on an original piece of social research of your own, supported by an academic supervisor.

Our international links
You will have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner universities as part of your degree. This won’t add any extra time to your studies.

How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.