

BA Social Sciences

Flexibility / Diversity / Extensive Module Choice

First Year

Compulsory Unit

Title	Units
Engaging with Social Research	20

Optional Units

Take a 20 credit from at least three disciplines

Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics	20
Critical Thinking	20
Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology	20
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	20
History of Philosophy	20

Politics

Introduction to Comparative Politics	20
Introduction to International Politics	20
Introduction to Political Theory	20
Making Sense of Politics	20
Politics of the Global Economy	20
British Politics: Power and the State	20

Social Anthropology

Power and Culture: Inequality in Everyday Life	20
Cultural Diversity in Global Perspective	20
Key Ideas in Social Anthropology	20
Regional Studies of Culture I + II	20 each
Introduction to Business Anthropology	20

Sociology

British Society in a Globalising World	20
Contemporary Social Thought	20
Global Social Challenges	20
Foundations of Social Thought	20
Media, Culture and Society	20
Sociology of Personal Life	20
Work, Organisations and Society	20

Criminology

Crime and Society	20
Foundations of Criminal Justice	20
Psychology, Crime and Criminal Justice	20
Criminal Law	20

Data Analytics

Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	20
Understanding Social Media	20
Measuring Inequalities	20

Second Year

Students specialising in one pathway must take a minimum of 60 credits or a maximum of 80 credits from that pathway. Students specialising in two pathways must take at least 40 credits from each pathway.

Final Year

Students specialising in one pathway must take a minimum of 60 credits or a maximum of 80 credits from that pathway. Students must take a dissertation from their pathway area. Students specialising in two pathways must take at least 40 credits from each pathway.

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The BA(Social Sciences) programme is made up of six discipline areas:

Criminology is the study of the causes and consequences of crime.

Philosophy addresses fundamental problems such as the nature of knowledge, truth and values.

Politics explores human organisation, government and power.

Social Anthropology looks at societies and culture across the globe in comparative perspective.

Sociology is the study of society, and examines such issues as social inequalities and the forms of everyday life.

Data Analytics is the study of data and analysis to understand the social world.

In each of the three years on the programme, students have 20 units of free choice, which can be taken anywhere in the University. We encourage exploration, especially in the first year.

"I applied to the BASS course as it offered a varied and flexible choice of units to choose from"

Catherine Priest,
Current BA Social Sciences Student

Students take 120 credits per year

These are examples of course units offered in 2021 / 22 and are subject to change. You will be updated when they are confirmed for 2022 / 23.