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# TODAY'S SESSION

- **Social Sciences Degrees at the University of Manchester**
- **Structure of a Social Science Degree**
- **Entry Requirements**
- **Questions**

# HOW TO STUDY SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY

- **Individually (Rigid)**

*Politics*

*Sociology*

*Economics*

*Philosophy*

*Social Anthropology*

- **Combined (BA Social Sciences)**

*Politics / Sociology / Philosophy / Criminology / Social Anthropology*

- **Clearly defined - PPE**

*Politics / Economics / Philosophy*

- **As Part of a Broad Based Social Science Degree (Flexible)**

# HOW TO STUDY SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY

- **As Part of a Broad Based Social Science Degree.**
- **Which would allow specialisation (or joint specialisation) in the following:**

Economics

Accounting

Finance

Business Studies

Development Studies

Politics

Criminology

Philosophy

Sociology

## THREE STUDY PATHS

- **Accounting and Finance**
- **Business Studies**
- **Economics and Social Sciences**  
Economics / Politics / Sociology / Criminology / Philosophy  
Development Studies

# First Year (Economics and Social Sciences)

20 credits

Maths / Stats (GCSE / AS / A level)

20 credits

Economics ( A level / Introductory)

20 credits

Politics

20 credits

Social Anthropology / Criminology /  
Sociology / Philosophy

40 credits

Chosen from remaining first year  
courses ie. Philosophy /  
Development Studies / Accounting /  
Finance or more of the above

120 credits

# First Year (Accounting and Finance)

30 compulsory credits	Accounting & Finance
20 credits	Maths / Stats
20 credits	Economics
20 credits	Politics / Sociology / Social Anthropology / Philosophy
30 credits	Chosen from remaining first year courses ie. Economic History / Development Studies or more of the above
120 credits	

# First Year (Business Studies)

10 compulsory credits

Finance

20 credits

Economics

20 credits

Maths / Stats

20 credits

Politics

20 credits

Sociology / Social Anthropology /  
Philosophy

30 credits

Chosen from remaining first year  
courses ie. Economic History /  
Development Studies / Accounting or  
more of the above

120 credits

# Second Year

(120 modules)

Maximum of 80 credits from any area

- Gravitate towards original area of specialisation → 80 credits
- 60 credits from two areas
- 40 credits from three areas
- Also Option to:
  - Take a Language (20 credits)
  - Study Abroad

# Third Year

(180 modules)

120 credits from a single discipline area

For Single or Joint Specialisation You Would Need:

- Minimum of 80 credits to specialise in a single discipline area
- Minimum of 50 credits from two discipline areas for joint specialisation

# Entry Requirements

- **UK Based Foundation Programme**
- **A level** – BBB / AAA
- **IB** – 34 / 35 points
- **[www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)**

## What Next – Further Study? (17%)

- MA City Design & Social Science
- PGCE Secondary
- CPE – College of Law
- MA International Finance
- MA Management (Business)
- MA Political Theory

# What Next – Employment ? (70%)

## Careers

- Trainee Chartered Accountant
- Recruitment Consultant
- Investment Banker
- Human Resources Adviser
- Economist
- Sports writer

## Companies

- ABN Amro, BBC, KPMG, Bank of New York, Rochdale MBC,, Civil Service, NHS, Sainsburys

# Summary

- **Number of different ways to study Social Sciences**
- **Rigid / Clearly Defined / Combined / Flexible**
- **Important students research programmes before applying**
- **You have already taken the first step**



# Pre-University Courses

- Economic and Social Studies
- Social Anthropology
- 10 week academic course taught at the University
- [www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/wideningparticipation/preuni](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/wideningparticipation/preuni)

# Entry Requirements

## NCUK FOUNDATION YEAR

Accounting and Finance

B.Econ.Sc

PPE

B in EAP and AAB

Business Studies

BA Economics

Politics

B in EAP and ABB

Philosophy

Sociology

Social Anthropology

B in EAP and BBB