# BA Social Sciences

**Flexibility / Diversity / Extensive Module Choice**

## First Year

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### 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

### Quantitative Methods

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

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Students take 120 credits per year

These are examples of course units offered in 2019 / 20

and are subject to change

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## 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.

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## BA Social Sciences

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.
- **Quantitative Methods** is the study of data and analysis to understand the social world.

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"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
Below is an example timetable for a BA(Social Sciences) Philosophy and Politics specialist.

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