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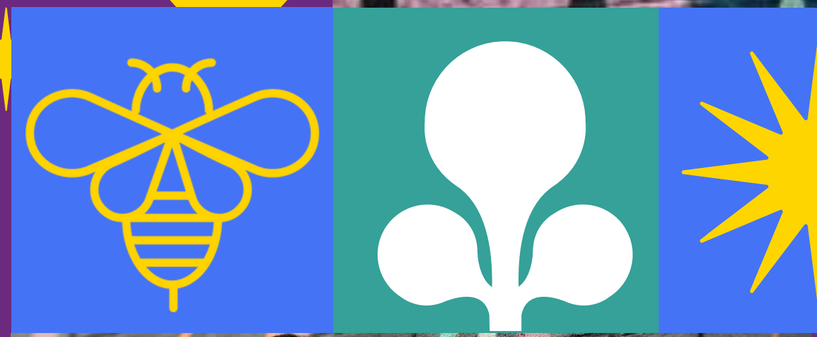

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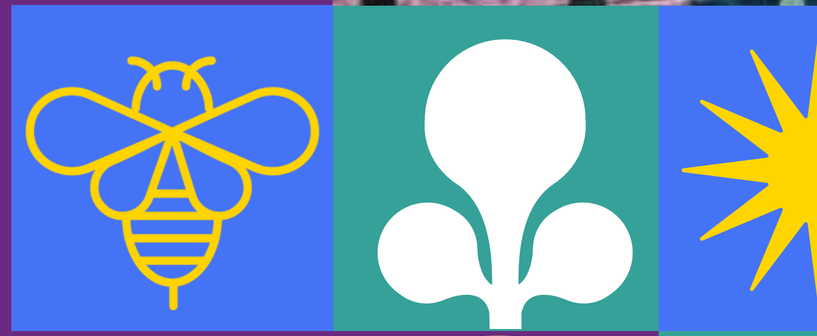

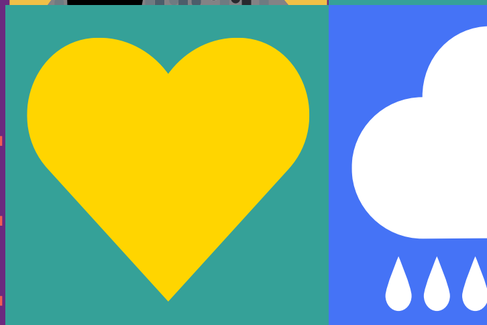

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BASS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Distinctive Degree with Wide Range of Options and Flexibility

Social Anthropology	Philosophy	Sociology
Criminology	Politics	Data Analytics

2025-26 Entry: Received **1,800** applications for **255** places of BASS;
The overall **target** for this year is **275**.

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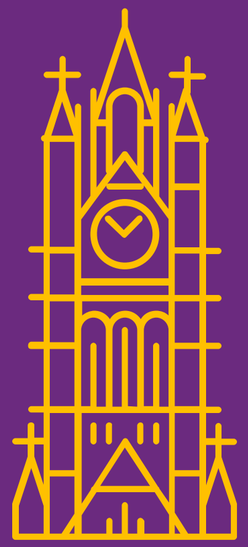
BASS PATHWAYS

Pathways

- Politics and Sociology
- Politics and Social Anthropology
- Politics and Philosophy
- Politics and Criminology
- Sociology and Social Anthropology
- Sociology and Philosophy
- Sociology and Criminology
- Social Anthropology and Philosophy
- Social Anthropology and Criminology
- Philosophy and Criminology
- Sociology and Data Analytics
- Criminology and Data Analytics
- Politics and Data Analytics
- Social Anthropology and Data Analytics



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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE: YEAR ONE

Compulsory Course Unit

Code	Title	Credits
SOCS10111	Engaging with Social Research	20

Core Course Units for each Pathway

Philosophy

PHIL10042 | Critical Thinking | 20

Politics

POLI10201 | Introduction to Comparative Politics | 20 (1st semester)
POLI10202 | Introduction to Comparative Politics | 20 (2nd semester)
POLI10601 | Introduction to International Politics | 20
POLI10401 | British Politics: Power and the State | 20
POLI10702 | Introduction to Political Theory | 20

Data Analytics

SOST10021 | Measuring Inequalities (Unequal Societies) | 20
SOST10142 | Applied Statistics for Social Scientists | 20

Social Anthropology

SOAN10321 | Key Ideas in Social Anthropology | 10
SOAN10322 | Introduction to Ethnographic Reading in Social Anthropology | 10

Sociology

SOCY10421 | Contested Foundations of Social Thought | 20
SOCY10432 | Contemporary Social Thought | 20

Criminology

CRIM10001 | Crime and Society | 20
CRIM10421 | Foundations of Criminal Justice | 20
CRIM10441 | Foundations of Criminological Scholarship | 20
CRIM10432 | Psychology, Crime, and Criminal Justice | 20
CRIM10072 | Criminological Research Methods | 20
LAWS10082 | Criminal Law (Criminology) | 20

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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE: YEAR ONE

Examples of Optional Course Units

Philosophy

PHIL10021 | Introduction to Ethics | 20
PHIL10402 | History of Philosophy | 20

Politics

POLI10302 | Making Sense of Politics | 20
POLI10502 | Politics of the Global Economy | 20

Social Anthropology

SOAN10301 | Power and Culture: Inequality in Everyday Life | 10
SOAN10312 | Cultural Diversity in a Global Perspective | 10

Data Analytics

SOST10012 | Understanding Social Media | 20

Sociology

SOCY10461 | Global Social Challenges | 20
SOCY10442 | Media, Culture, and Society | 20

Criminology

SOCS101201 | Understanding Social Injustice | 20

20 Units Compulsory (ESR) All BASS Students
20 Units from Pathway Two
40 Open for Optional Units

20 Units from Pathway One
20 Units Outside of Pathway

Total: 120 Credits Per Year

Individual academic advisors available to help you design your own personalised programme.

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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE: YEAR TWO

- Specialise in 1 or 2 pathways- do not have to be ones entered with from first year
- Build up more in-depth expertise
- 120 credits
- 2 pathways- at least 40 credits in each pathway
- 1 pathway- at least 60 credits and max 80 credits
- Select at least 20 credits of core units in the pathway you wish to specialise at level 2

Must do a methods course in at least one specialism- preferably the one in which will do Year 3 dissertation.
Wide range of courses available- can select up to 20 credits of Level 1 options.

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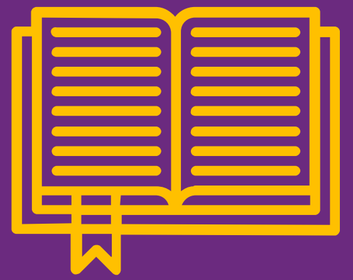
YEAR TWO METHODS COURSES

Course Code – Title – 20 Units each

- **PHIL20242-** 20th Century Analytical Philosophy
- **POLI20902-** Politics Project
- **SOAN20841-** The Ethnographer's Craft
- **SOST20012-** Survey Research and Quantitative Analysis
- **SOST20022-** Essentials of Survey Design and Analysis
- **SOCY20091-** Qualitative Social Research Design and Methods
- **CRIM20441-** Making Sense of Criminological Data
- **CRIM20452-** Modelling Criminological Data



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YEAR TWO EXAMPLE

Course Code – Title – 20 Units each

- **PHIL20242-** 20th Century Analytical Philosophy
- **PHIL20021-** Philosophy of Religion
- **SOCY20091-** Qualitative Social Research Design and Methods
- **SOCY20032-** Work, Economy and Society
- **SOST20131-** Answering Social Research Questions with Statistical Models
- **POLI20722-** The Politics of Development

*PHIL10041- Critical Thinking
*SOCY10421- Contested Foundations of Social Thought **or**
*SOCY10432- Contemporary Social Thought

*core year 1 units to satisfy this pathway

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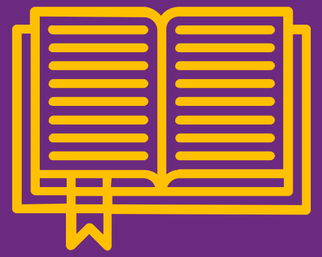
YEAR THREE



- 120 credits
- 2 pathways- at least 40 credits from each pathway
- 1 pathway- minimum of 60 OR maximum of 80 credits
- Loads of options- Level 3 are often staff specialisms; research-led teaching; can do up to 20 credits of Level Two options as free choice

Dissertation- 20 or 40 Credits

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CONTACT HOURS AND SUPPORT

- Lectures, tutorials, office hours
- Assessments (exams, essays)
- BASS Society
- Study Abroad
- Professional Experience Year
- Employability and Careers Services
  - Q-Step
- General university support

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WHAT NEXT?

- Wide range of careers- most that are available to any single subject: E.g. media, civil service, charities, management, consultancy and development
- Research; postgraduate degrees
- Wide range of skills and knowledge; distinctive; independence; global citizenship and leadership
- Employability embedded in degree programme

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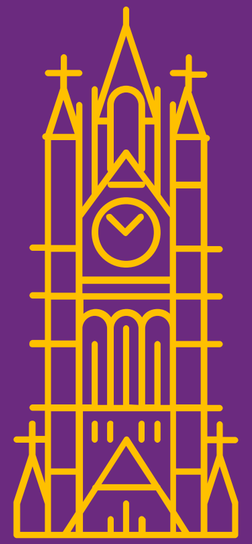
WHAT KIND OF SKILLS?

Graduates in social science subjects offer a wide range of skills that are enormously valuable to employers across the public, private, and third sectors.



- The ability to **understand complex issues holistically,** on individual, cultural, and societal levels
- **Research, analyse, and evaluate data** critically
- **Question assumptions**
- **Understand people, institutions and their relationships**
- **Understand processes of change**
- **Make reasoned arguments**
- **Communicate** concisely and clearly
- **Solve problems**

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BASS STUDENTS

Develop a broad range of transferrable skills, preparing them for diverse career paths

The program offers a paid professional placement year, enhancing employability by providing relevant work experience.

Graduates from social science programs often pursue careers in fields such as:

- Social research
- Public policy
- Education
- Non-profit organizations
- Human resources
- Marketing and more

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DATA SKILLS FOR ALL

- Statistical Analysis
- Data Cleaning and Preparation
- Data Collection Methods
- Data Visualisation
- Ethical Considerations
- Data Interpretation
- Coding Skills
- Communication Skills

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Q-STEP

Q-Step was developed as a strategic response to the shortage of quantitively-skilled social science graduates. Manchester is one of 15 centres taking part in £19.5 million programme designed to promote a step-change in quantitative social science training.

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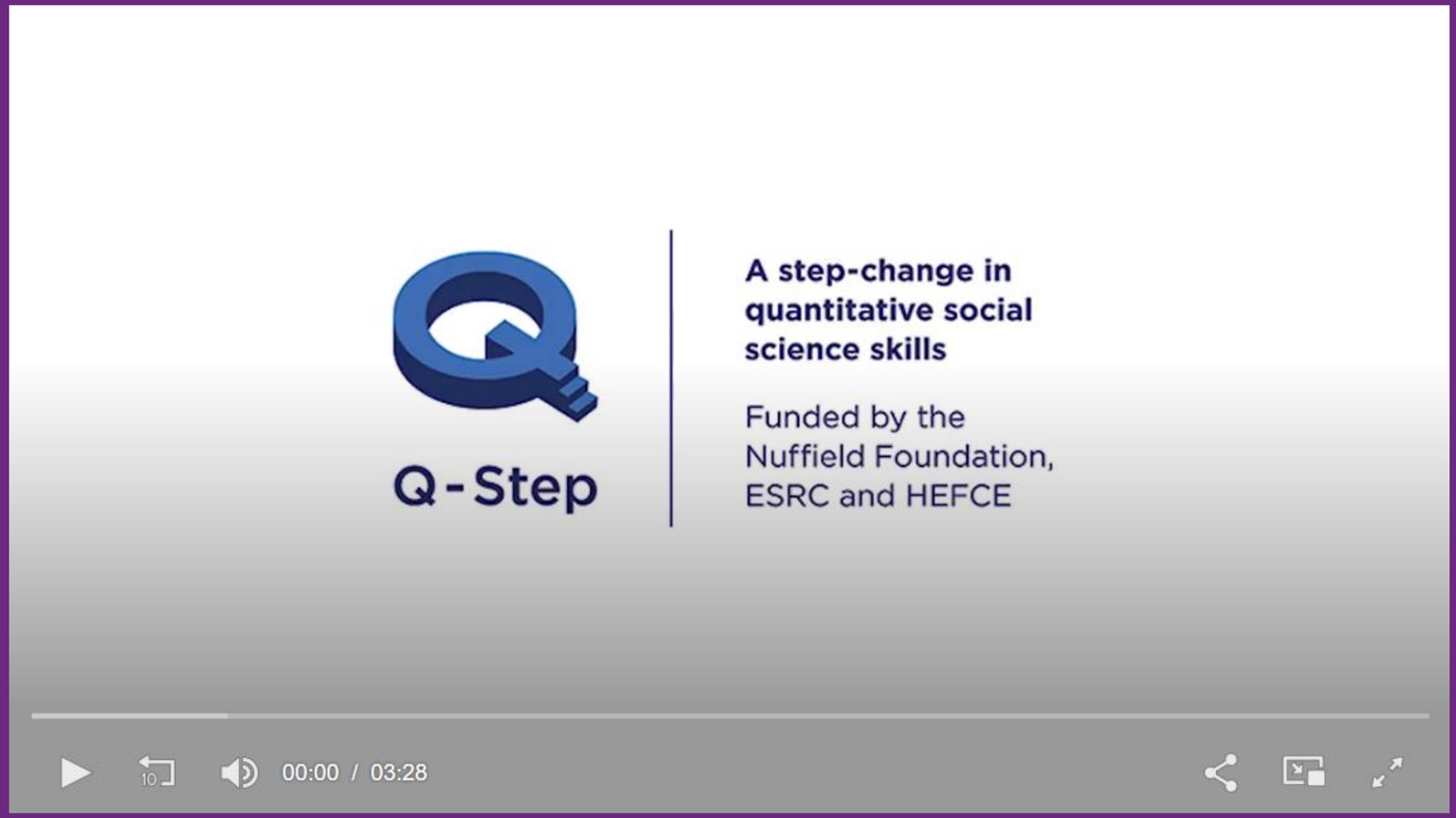
STUDENT JOURNEYS



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Q-STEP DATA FELLOWS

The booklet tells the stories through a series of posters that each student is required to deliver at the end of their data fellowship.

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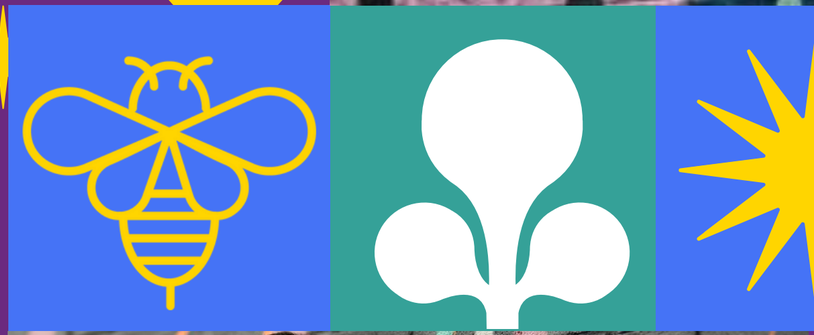
2025 Stories

Read about the experiences of our students who took part in a Q-Step paid summer internship



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BECOME A PART OF THE STORY

One year after graduating: 9 out of 10 social science graduates are in professional employment and/or further study. This proportion is higher than graduates of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) or arts and humanities.

A higher proportion of social science graduates are in managerial and senior official roles than STEM or A&H.

A higher proportion of social science graduates are employed in 'professional, scientific, and technical' and 'financial industries' than STEM or A&H graduates.

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EMPLOYABILITY AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

LEARNING FROM FELLOW STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES

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STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

School of Social Sciences (SoSS)

International Fair

Volunteering

Wellbeing

SoSS Academic Advisors

Global Guidance Ambasadors

Hub Team

Library

University Centre for Academic English

Social Prescribers

Societies

Plant giveaway from the Wellbeing team

Find out more about support

Party games

Bhangra Society performance

Language games

Free pizza

Sweet treats

Prizes

Add to our networking mural

Find out more about opportunities and societies

...and lots more!

Wednesday, 26 February - 12 noon to 3pm

Arthur Lewis Building, Common Room (ground floor)

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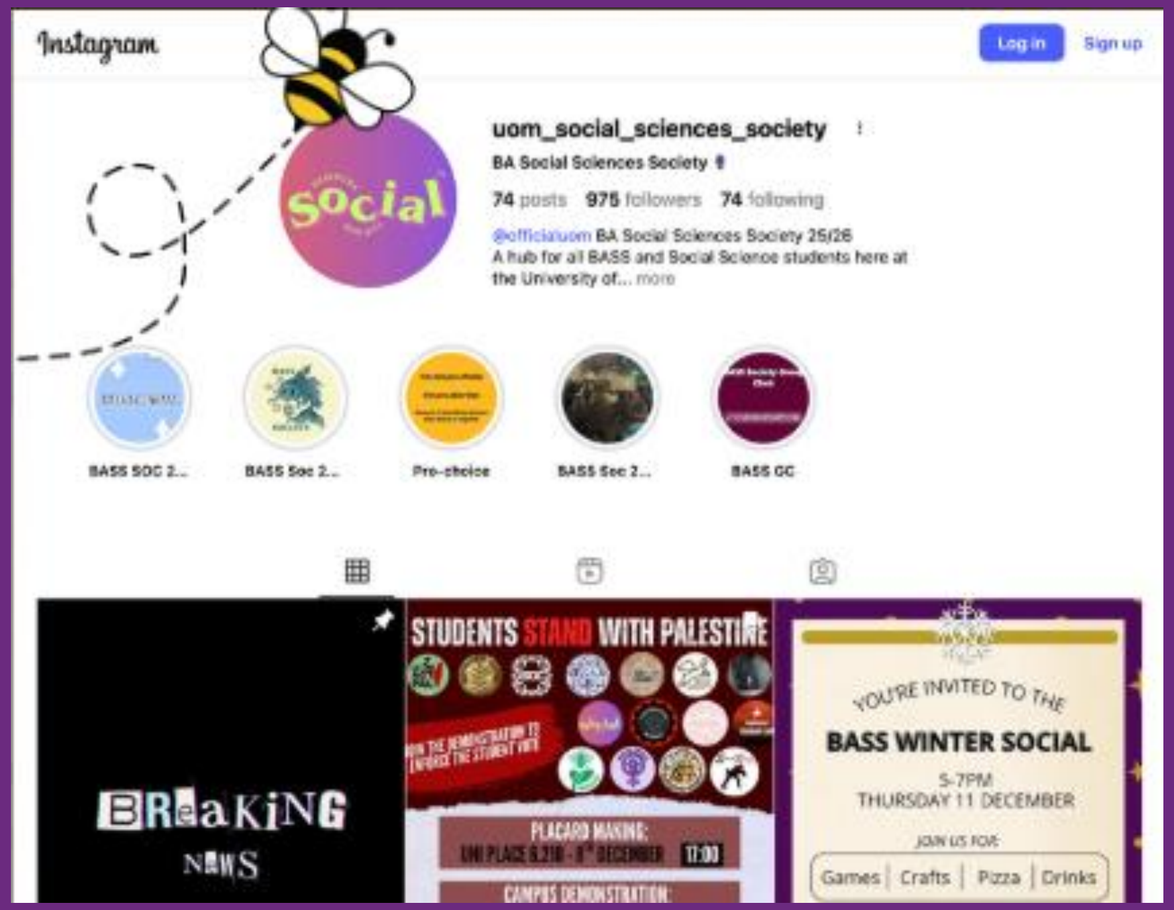

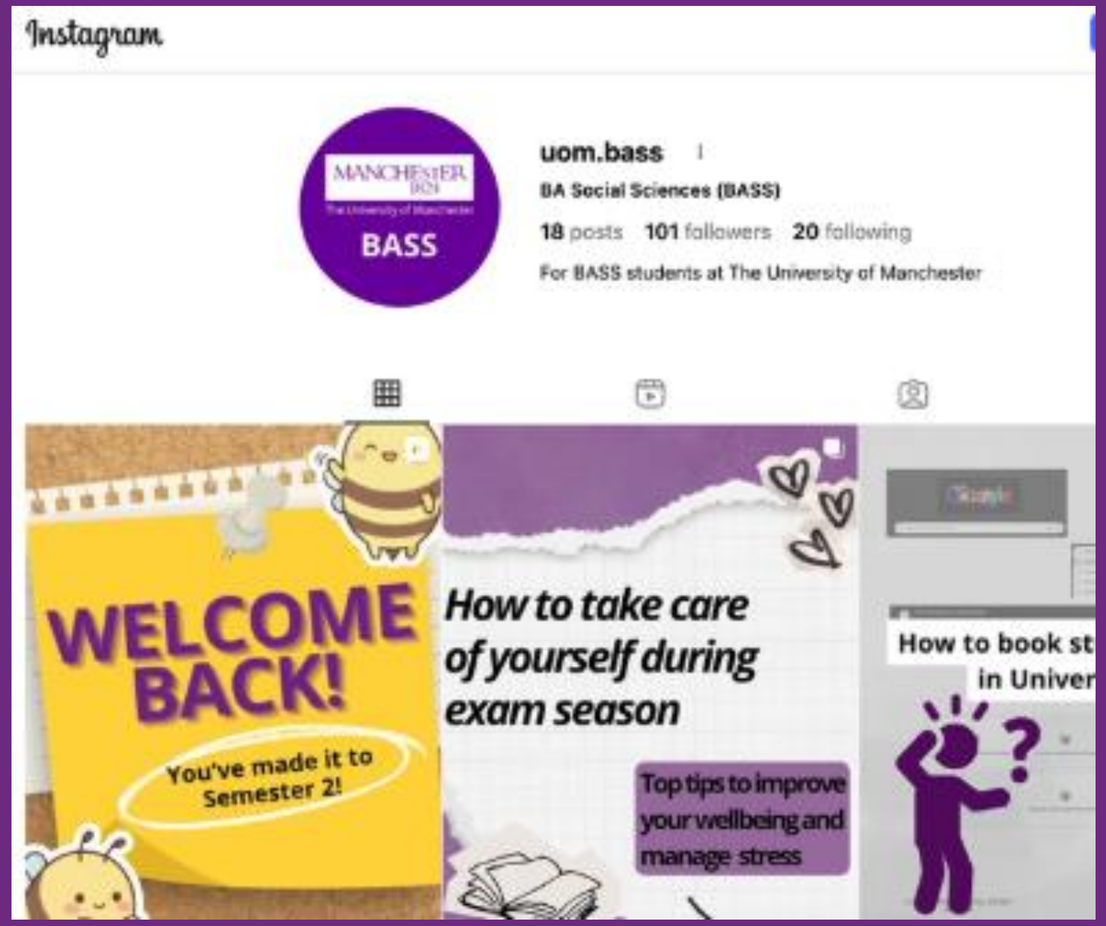

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WHAT OPPORTUNITIES HAS THE BASS PROGRAM PROVIDED YOU THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD OTHERWISE?

"The BASS programme allowed me to discover and expand my passion on subjects and led me to figure out that politics isn't for me, but criminology is. I don't think other universities would have been so lenient for me to change my course, as they don't have such a disciplinary programme.

The BASS programme has opened so many doors for me, from being a student ambassador, to a peer mentor, to a student coordinator, and the President of the Social Science Society too. I've made countless friends, attended multiple networking sessions. The University of Manchester, and to an extent my BASS degree, has allowed me to travel to San Francisco on a networking trip, and has given me the opportunity to apply to internships such as the Q-Step programme."

Almos Jan Laskowski, 3rd Year, Sociology and Criminology Pathways

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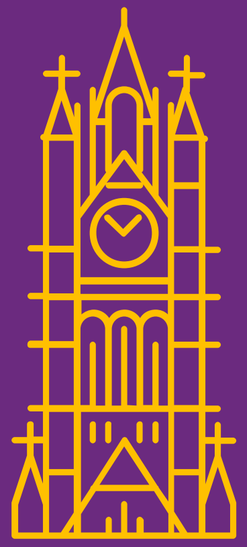
WHY BASS?

"BASS allows me to study the subjects I'm most passionate about. Most unis offer PPE, but I think Manchester is the only, if not one of very few, that offer PP!

It is so easy to make friends, and I think you'd be surprised with the amount of like-minded people you meet. Your personal development will absolutely flourish in ways you never imagined it would!

Do it! The options you pick for first year are not set in stone and you get the opportunity to do modules outside your pathways. This is such a good opportunity to find your niche and what you love."

Jemima, 2nd Year, Politics and Philosophy Pathways



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PHILOSOPHY

What is philosophy?
Thinking carefully and creatively about what exists, what matters, and how to find out.

Why study philosophy as part of BASS?
Philosophers are valued in interdisciplinary contexts because thinking carefully and creatively about the foundations of all disciplines – their conceptual frameworks, guiding values, and research methods – is fundamental to their success. And that's what philosophers do!

Why does the world need philosophers?
Employers are crying out for the key transferable skills that are at the heart of philosophy and which we will help you cultivate: being able to construct clear and persuasive arguments; being able to solve problems creatively; being able to identify and interrogate assumptions and reimagine problems; being open-minded and enthusiastic about engaging with new ideas and perspectives; working with other to tackle the important issues.

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SOCIOLOGY

What is sociology?

- Sociologists develop theories to explain how societies function and change.
- Key areas include social class, power, action, practices, gender, race, etc.
- An empirical discipline which requires evidence. Evidence can be qualitative or quantitative.

Why study sociology as part of BASS?

- A wide range of interesting optional modules: Family, intimacies and sexualities, power and protest, understanding social media, human animal relations…
- Our courses focus on research skills and how research design affects our knowledge of the world around us

Sociology and your future

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SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

What is social anthropology?

- ‘philosophy with the people in’
- Study of cultural diversity and the hidden complexities of the everyday
- ‘making the familiar strange and the strange familiar’

What will you learn?

- **Critical and reflexive** thinking
- Thinking ‘**out of the box**’, revealing unexpected outlooks and connections
- Ethnographic research methods, generating **unique insights**

Employability

- Anthropology gives you the skill in seeing **what others don’t see**
- The edge in research, media, business, NGOs, policy and more

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CRIMINOLOGY

What is criminology?

- The scientific study of crime, criminal behaviour, victims, and the systems (police, court, prisons) society uses to respond to them

Why criminology matters?

- Helps explain why crime happens, not just who did it
- Informs better, fairer public policy and safer communities
- Improves responses to victims and reduces repeat offending
- Trains students in evidence-based thinking, research, and communication = skills valuable across many careers.

What will you learn?

- Real world problems: gangs, cybercrime, domestic abuse, youth justice.
- Practical skills: interviewing, data analysis, critical thinking, ethical reasoning.
- Career paths: policing, probation, victim support, research, social work, law, policy, community organisations.

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STUDENT REPS

Ben (Year 2)

Politics and Philosophy

Finn (Year 2)

Politics and Philosophy

Mia (Year 3)

Sociology and Anthropology

Gavin (Year 1)

Sociology and Data

Urban (Year 1)

Politics and Data

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STUDENT REP

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT

Anthropology → Awareness

Politics → Power

Sociology → Society

Criminology → Change

Philosophy → Perspective

Data → Discovery

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Sociology	Anthropology	Politics	Philosophy	Data Analytics

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FOR EVERY CHALLENGE YOU CONQUER PAVES THE WAY FOR YOUR BRIGHTEST FUTURE.

Looking forward to seeing you in September, ready to start this exciting journey together!