

MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester

BA SOCIAL SCIENCES

OFFER HOLDER DAY

Dr Kathrin Morosow

Director of BA Social Sciences (BASS)
Lecturer in Social Statistics



MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester



BA SOCIAL SCIENCES

@ THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER



MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester

BA SOCIAL SCIENCES (BASS)

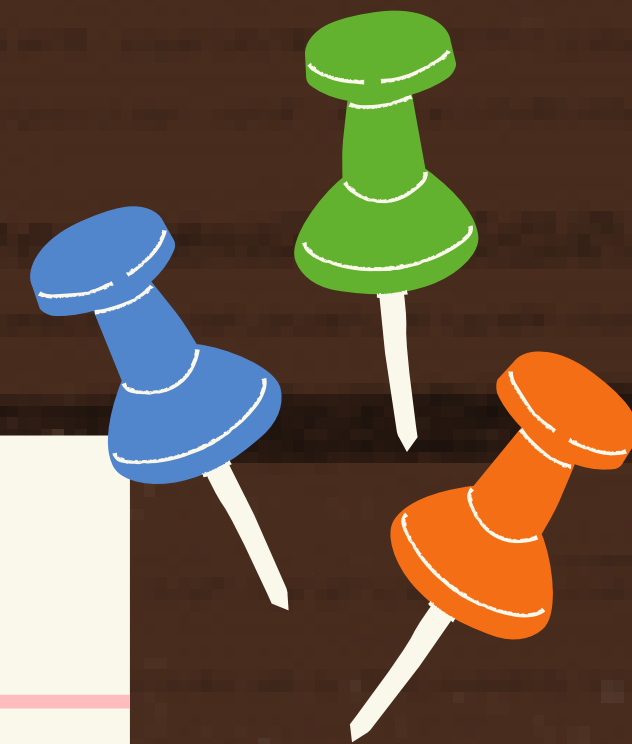


@ THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

[HTTPS://WWW.SOCIALSCIENCES.MANCHESTER.AC.UK/STUDY/UNDERGRADUATE/ABOUT-BASS/](https://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/about-bass/)



WHO'S WHO IN BASS



Programme Director

Dr Kathrin Morosow (Data Analytics), kathrin.morosow@manchester.ac.uk

Director of Teaching, Learning and Student Experience

Dr Nadim Mirshak

Programme Administrators

UG Office, Arthur Lewis Building, soss.hub@manchester.ac.uk

Other academic support

BASS Academic advisors across all the disciplines

Other peer support

BASS Peer mentors

BASS ACADEMIC CORE TEAM

DISCIPLINE	NAME	EMAIL
Politics	Hannah Wright	hannah.wright@manchester.ac.uk
Philosophy	James Andow	james.andow@manchester.ac.uk
Anthropology	Mateusz Laszczkowski	mateusz.laszczkowski@manchester.ac.uk
Criminology	Olga Sanchez de Ribera	olga.sanchezderibera@manchester.ac.uk
Sociology	Jingwen Zhang	jingwen.zhang@manchester.ac.uk
Data Analytics	Kathrin Morosow	kathrin.morosow@manchester.ac.uk

AA'S NAME	EMAIL
Joann Wilkinson	joann.wilkinson@manchester.ac.uk
Vlad Schuler-Costa	vlad.schulercosta@manchester.ac.uk
Jonathan Farrell	jonathan.farrell@manchester.ac.uk

BASS AT 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 ON BASS:
THE OVERALL **TARGET FOR**
THIS YEAR IS 275.

BASS PATHWAYS

MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester

BASS	Programme Code	7070
Pathway	Plan Code	UCAS Code
Politics & Sociology	8829	LL23
Politics & Social Anthropology	8830	LL26
Politics & Philosophy	8831	VL52
Politics & Criminology	8832	LM29
Sociology & Social Anthropology	8846	LL63
Sociology & Philosophy	8847	LV35
Sociology & Criminology	8848	LM39
Social Anthropology & Philosophy	8849	LV65
Social Anthropology & Criminology	8850	LM69
Philosophy & Criminology	8851	VL53
Sociology & Data Analytics	18107	52L8
Criminology & Data Analytics	18108	C856
Politics & Data Analytics	18110	P467
Social Anthropology & Data Analytics	18111	S456

TYPICAL OFFER

A-LEVEL ABB

IB 35 POINTS

FOR FULL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, SEE
WWW.MANCHESTER.AC.UK/UGCOURSES

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE: YEAR 1

COMPULSORY COURSE UNIT

SOCS10111	Engaging with Social Research	20	
-----------	-------------------------------	----	--

OPTIONAL COURSE UNITS

PHILOSOPHY - Students on the Philosophy pathway must take **PHIL10042** course as a core unit:

PHIL10021	Introduction to Ethics	20	
PHIL10631	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	20	
PHIL10042	Critical Thinking	20	*CORE for Philosophy pathway students
PHIL10622	Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology	20	
PHIL10031	Studying Philosophy	20	
PHL10402	History of Philosophy	20	

POLITICS - Students on the Politics pathway must take one of the following courses: **POLI10201/2, POLI10601, POLI10401 or POLI10702** as a core unit:

POLI10201	Introduction to Comparative Politics	20	Cannot be taken in conjunction with POLI10202
POLI10202	Introduction to Comparative Politics	20	Cannot be taken in conjunction with POLI10201
POLI10601	Introduction to International Politics	20	
POLI10401	British Politics: Power and the State	20	
POLI10302	Making Sense of Politics	20	
POLI10702	Introduction to Political Theory	20	
POLI10502	Politics of the Global Economy	20	

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY - Students on the Social Anthropology pathway must take both **SOAN10321 & SOAN10322** as core units:

SOAN10301	Power and Culture: Inequality in Everyday Life	10	
SOAN10312	Cultural Diversity in a Global Perspective	10	
SOAN10321	Key Ideas in Social Anthropology	10	*CORE for Social Anthropology pathway students. C: SOAN10322
SOAN10322	Introduction to Ethnographic Reading in Social Anthropology	10	*CORE for Social Anthropology pathway students. P: SOAN10321
SOAN10361	Introduction to Business Anthropology: Consumers, Companies and Culture	20	
SOAN10331	Regional Studies of Culture: 1	20	C: SOAN10321 & SOAN10322 and only available to Social Anthropology students
SOAN10352	Regional Studies of Culture: 2	20	C: SOAN10321 & SOAN10322 and only available to Social Anthropology students

DATA ANALYTICS – Students on the Data Analytics pathway must take both **SOST10021 and SOST10142** as core units:

SOST10021*	Measuring Inequalities (Unequal Societies)	20	*CORE for Data Analytics pathway students
SOST10142*	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	20	*CORE for Data Analytics pathway students
SOST10012	Understanding Social Media	20	

SOCIOLOGY - Students on the Sociology pathway must take either **SOCY10421 or SOCY10432** as a core unit:

SOCY10421	Contested Foundations of Social Thought	20	
SOCY10432	Contemporary Social Thought	20	
SOCY10442	Media, Culture & Society	20	
SOCY10402	Inequalities in Contemporary British Society	20	
SOCY10461	Global Social Challenges	20	
SOCY10912	Work, Organisations & Society	20	
SOCY10471	Getting Personal: Intimacy and Connectedness in Everyday Life	20	
SOCY10201	Environment and Society	20	

CRIMINOLOGY - Students on the Criminology pathway must take at least one of the **CRIM or LAWS10082** units below as a core unit:

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	
SOCS101201	Understanding Social Injustice	20	
LAWS10082	Criminal Law (Criminology)	20	

20 UNITS COMPULSORY (ESR) ALL BASS STUDENTS
20 UNITS FROM PATHWAY 1
20 UNITS FROM PATHWAY 2
20 UNITS OUTSIDE OF PATHWAY
40 OPEN FOR OPTIONAL UNITS
TOTAL: 120 CREDITS A YEAR

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

ECON10221	Microeconomics 1	10
ECON10252	Macroeconomics 1	10
ECON10002	An Introduction to Development Studies	10
SOCS10302	Current Issues of Social Injustice	20

YEAR 2

- Specialise in 1 or 2 pathways – do not have to be ones entered with from the 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

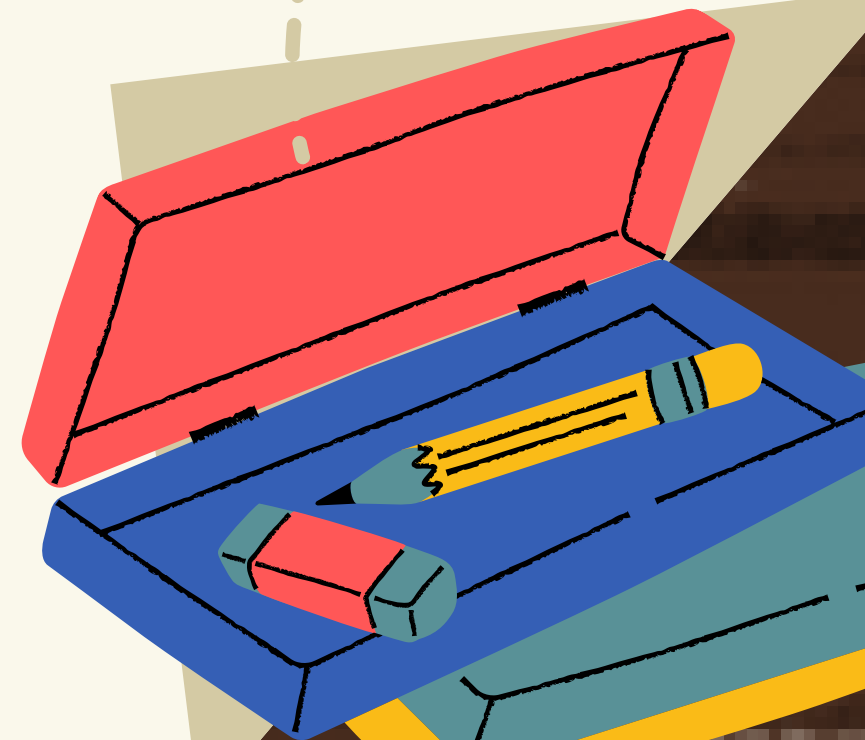
Must do a methods course in at least one specialism – preferably the one in which will do Year 3 dissertation.

Wide range of courses available; can select up to 20 credits of Level 1 options.

YEAR 2 – METHODS COURSES

Course code Title - Units (20)

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



YEAR 2 - EXAMPLE

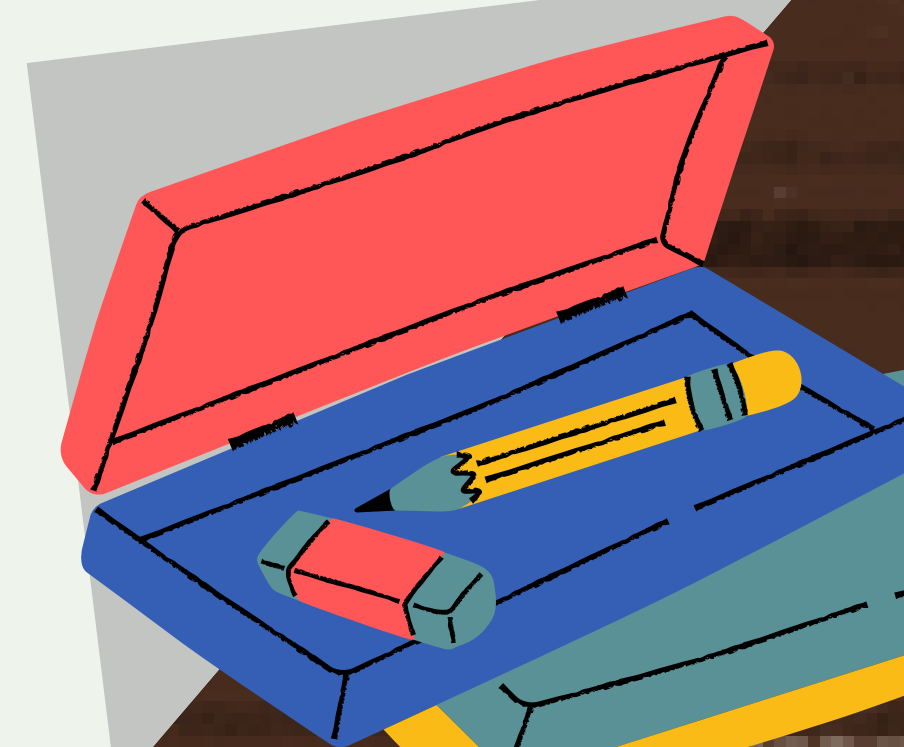
<u>Course code</u>	<u>Title - Units (20) each</u>
• PHIL20242	20th Century Analytical Philosophy
• PHIL20021	Philosophy of Religion
• SOCY20091	Qualitative Social Research Design & Methods
• SOCY20032	Work, Economy & Society
• SOST20131	Answering Social Research Questions with Statistical Models
• POLI20722	The Politics of Development

*PHIL10041 Critical Thinking

*SOCY10421 Contested Foundations of Social Thought **or**

*SOCY10432 Contemporary Social Thought

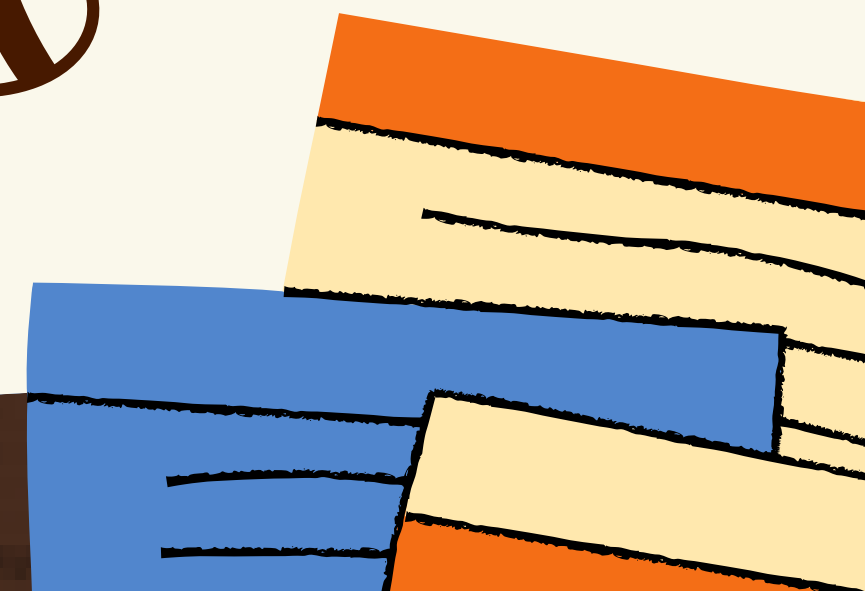
*core year 1 units to satisfy this pathway



YEAR 3

- 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 2 options as free choice

DISSERTATION - 20 OR 40 CREDITS



CONTACT HOURS AND SUPPORT

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



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



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 and 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
- and **solve problems**



BASS STUDENTS

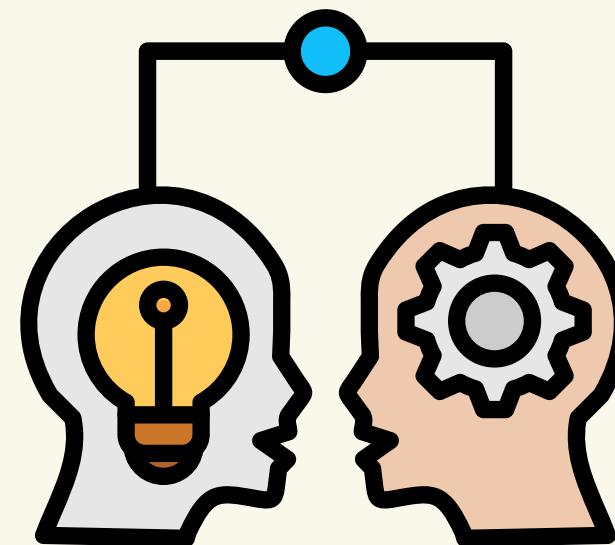
DEVELOP A BROAD RANGE OF
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS,
PREPARING THEM FOR DIVERSE
CAREER PATHS



THE PROGRAM OFFERS A PAID PROFESSIONAL
PLACEMENT YEAR, ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY
BY PROVIDING RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE.

GRADUATES FROM SOCIAL SCIENCES PROGRAMS OFTEN PURSUE CAREERS IN
FIELDS SUCH AS:

- SOCIAL RESEARCH,
- PUBLIC POLICY,
- EDUCATION,
- NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
- HUMAN RESOURCES,
- MARKETING, AND MORE.



DATA SKILLS FOR ALL

MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL

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



Data4All Hangout

Thursday, 05 March 2026

Inclusive, low-pressure meetups for peer learning, confidence-building & community.

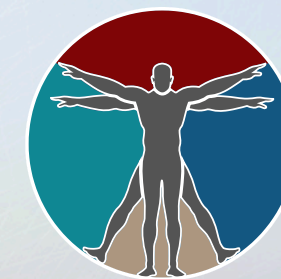
16:15 - 16:30 - Registration and welcome
 16:30 - 17:00 - Q-Step Fellowship Programme 2026
 Including a short welcome from Fred Smith, Q-Step Fellow 2025
 17:00 - 17:45 - R Clinik for beginners
 18:00 - Close

G030/031, Arthur Lewis Building

Organisers: Stephanie Barber, Mehak Mittal, Rishik Kalagara, Finn Macdonald

Tea and biscuits available

SCAN to join

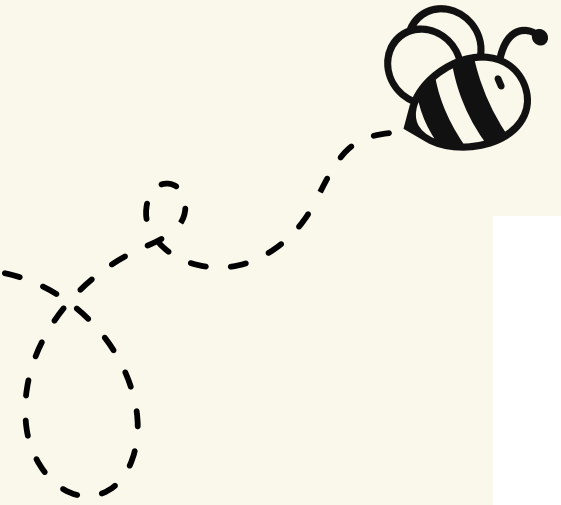


OECD.AI
Policy Observatory

SOCIAL STATS MOVIE SCREENING

The Imitation Game
 A movie about Alan Turing, played by Manchester Graduate Benedict Cumberbatch

Date	Time	Location
07 FEB	13:30 – 15:30	HOME 2 Tony Wilson Place



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

STUDENT JOURNEYS



Q-Step

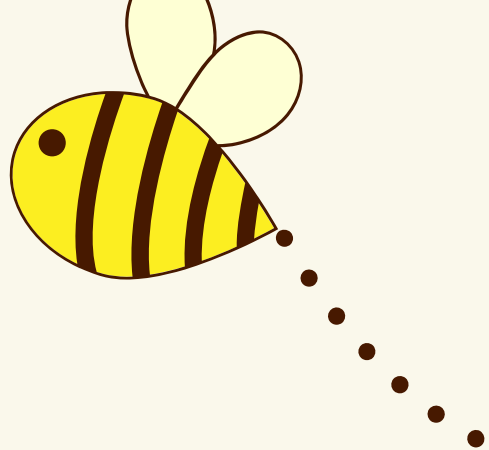
**A step-change in
quantitative social
science skills**

Funded by the
Nuffield Foundation,
ESRC and HEFCE



The University of Manchester

Q-STEP DATA FELLOWS



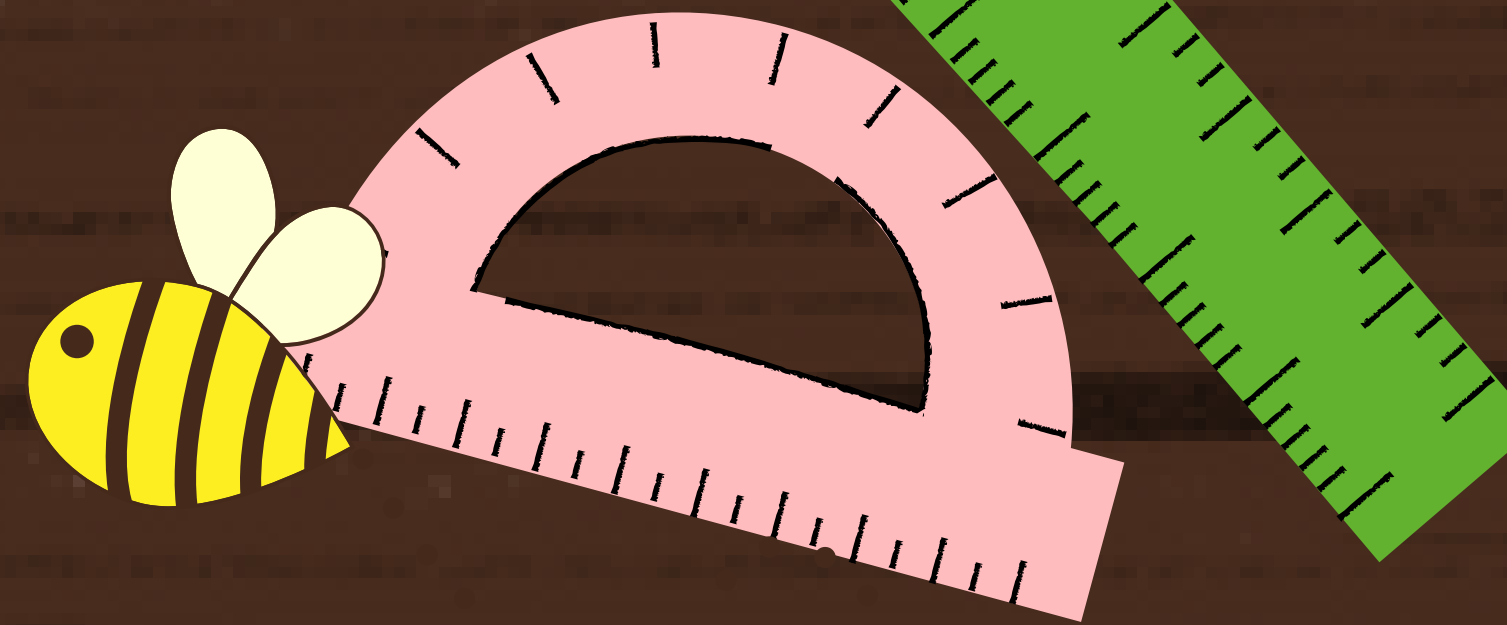
THE BOOKLET TELLS THE STORIES THROUGH A SERIES OF POSTERS THAT EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO DELIVER AT THE END OF THEIR DATA FELLOWSHIP.





MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester

Two orange pencils with white erasers and sharpened tips, positioned diagonally in the top left corner.

2025 STORIES
READ ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR
STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN A Q-STEP
PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP.

A grey calculator with yellow and pink buttons in the bottom left corner, and a white piece of paper with blue and brown polka dots in the bottom right corner.



BECOME A PART OF THE STORY

1 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.



EMPLOYABILITY & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES: LEARNING FROM FELLOW STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES



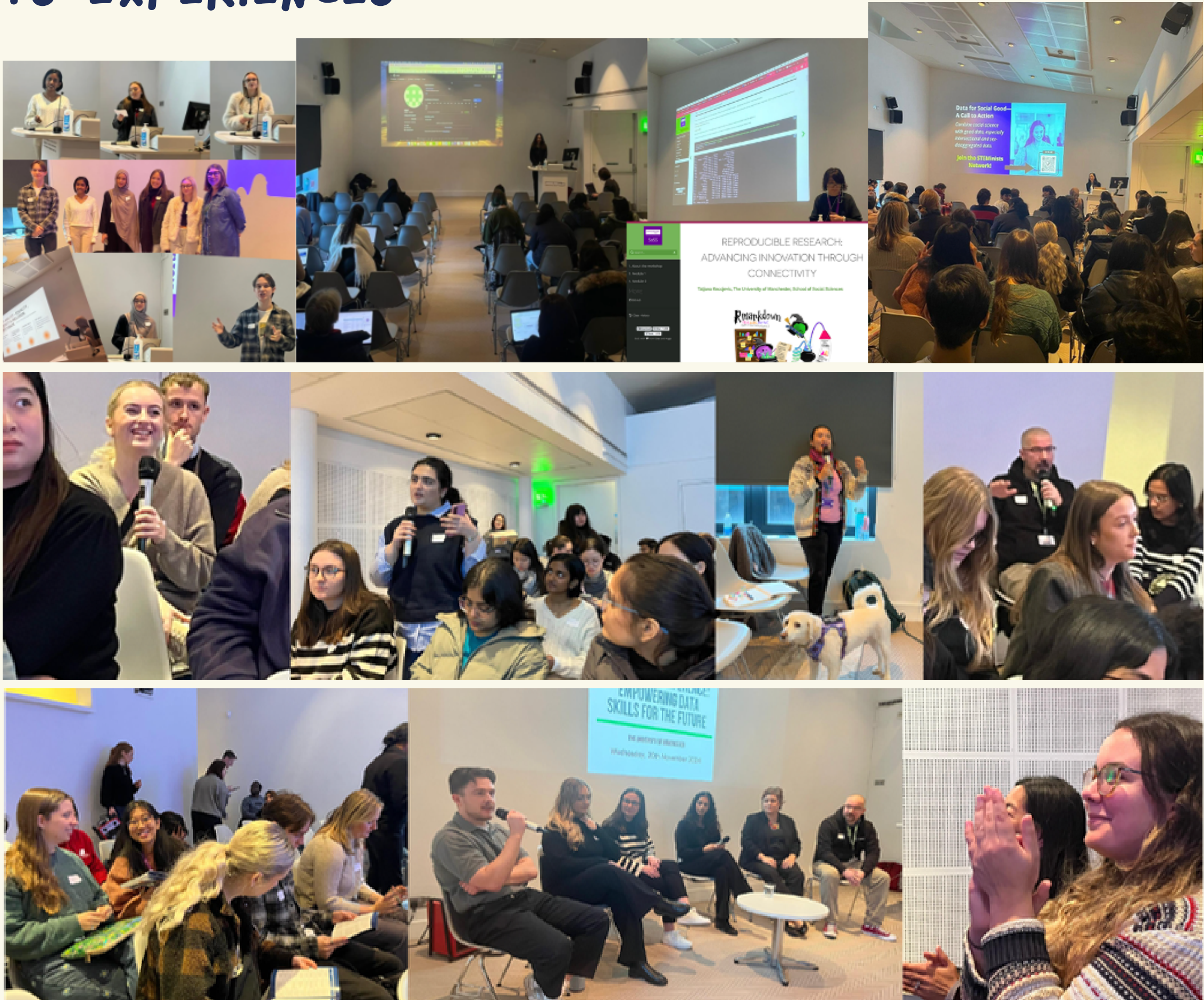
dataforall.netlify.app

DATA4ALL CONFERENCE: EMPOWERING DATA SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Wednesday, 20th November 2024

<https://data4all2025.netlify.app>



EMPLOYABILITY & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS



MANCHESTER
1824
The University of Manchester

School of Social Sciences (SoSS)
**Career and Employability
Conference**

Wednesday, 5 February
2.15 to 5.45pm
University Place



Scan to book
your place

6 employers

Hear from
employers

Alumni speed
dating

14 alumni

Gain insights
and network

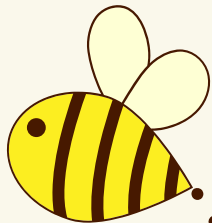
MANCHESTER
1824
The University of Manchester

School of Social Sciences (SoSS)
**Career and Employability
Conference**

Wednesday, 5 February
2.15 to 5.45pm
University Place



Book your place
via link in bio



MANCHESTER
1824
The University of Manchester

**Career and Employability
Conference 2026**

Gain insights

Network

Boost your employability

11 February at Uni Place





School of Social Sciences (SoSS)
International Fair



 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
--	---	---	---

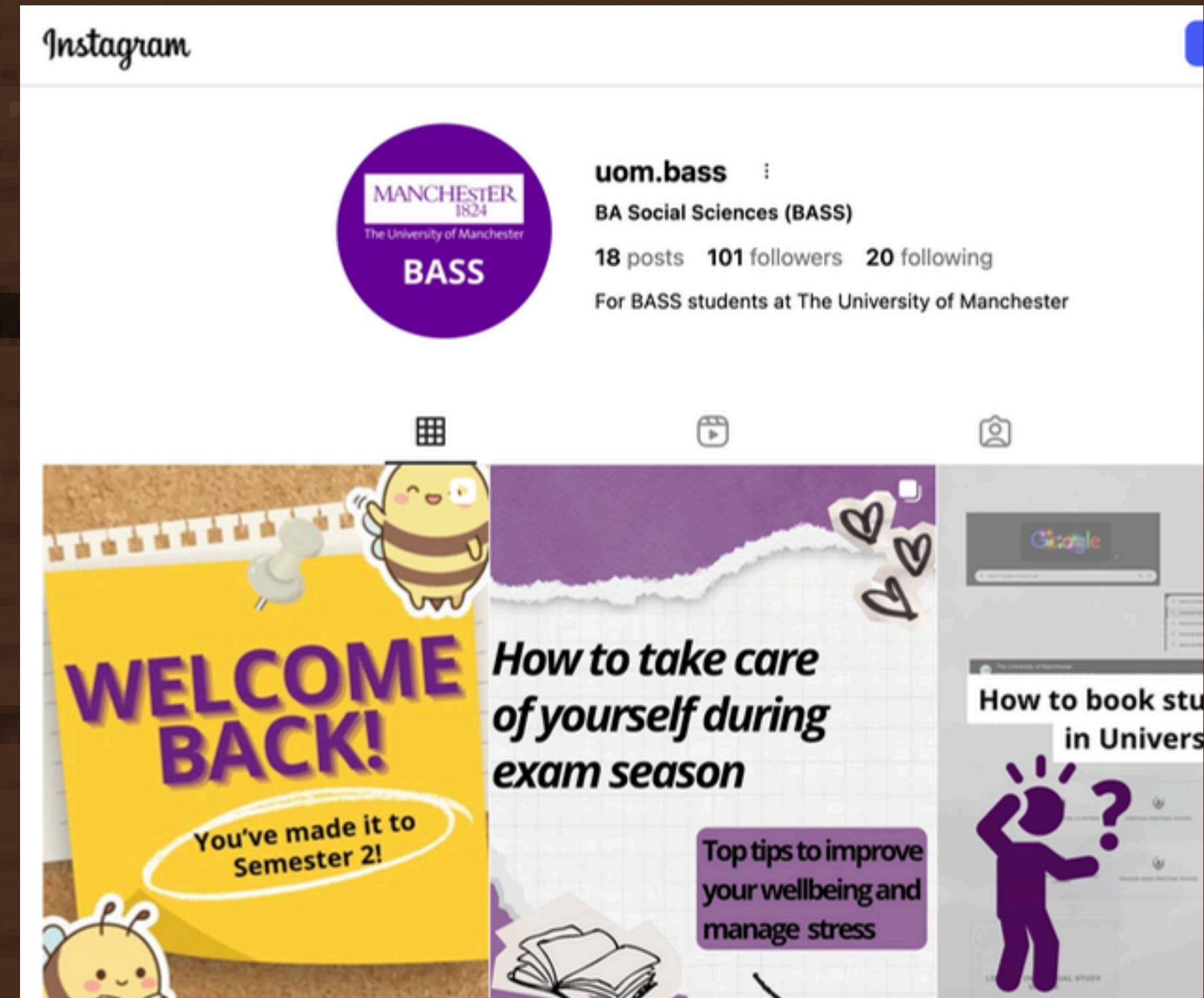
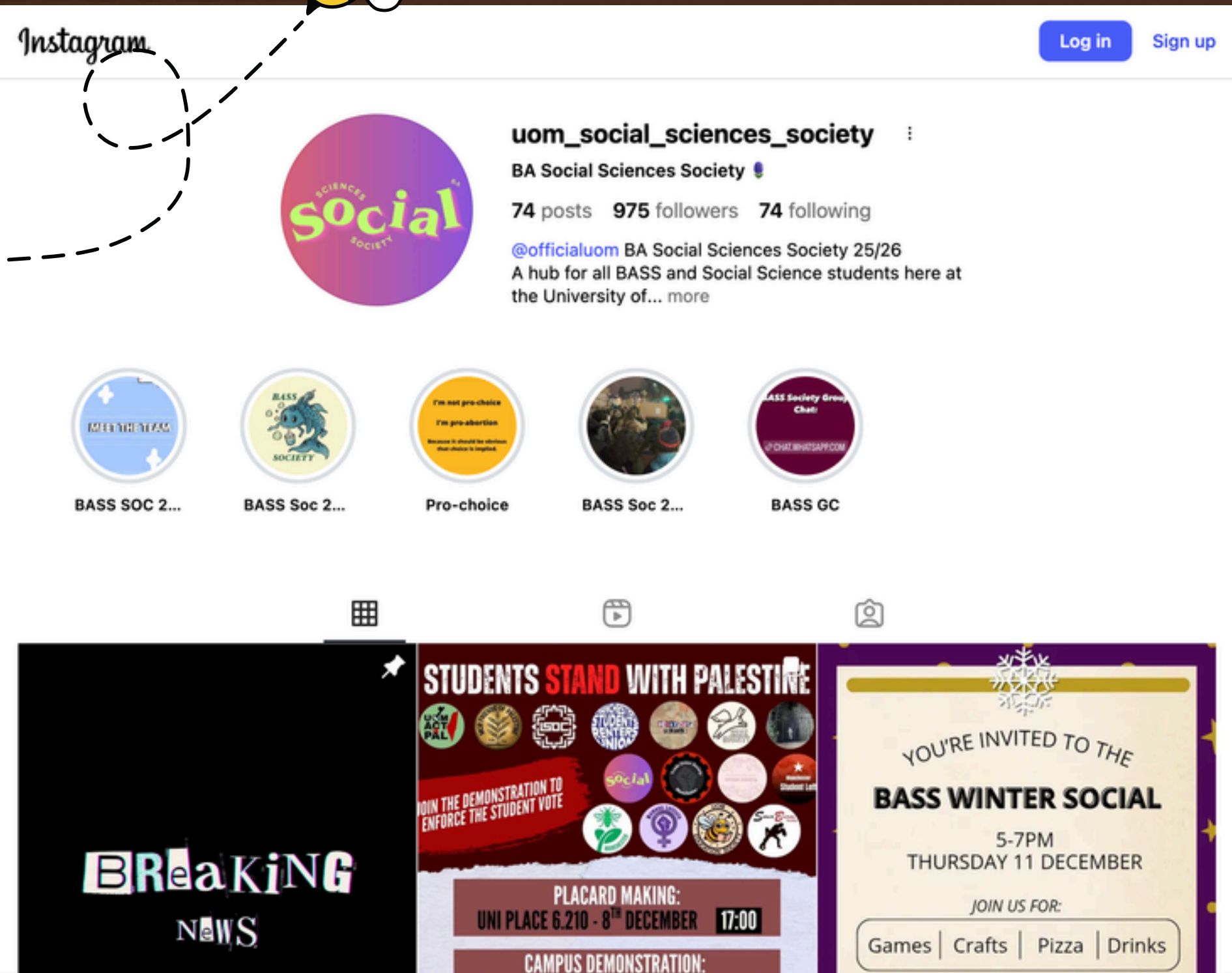
...and lots more!

Wednesday, 26 February - 12 noon to 3pm
Arthur Lewis Building, Common Room (ground floor)



MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester



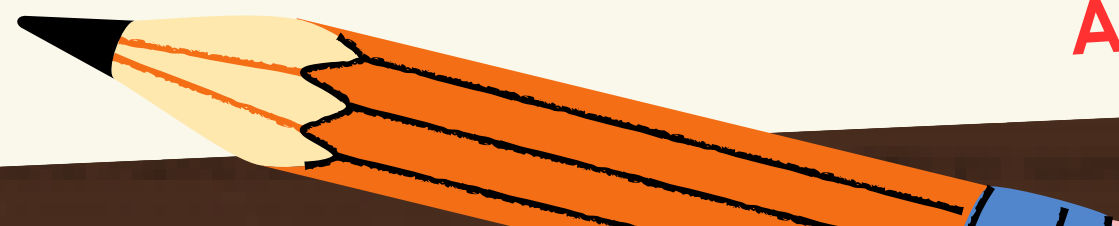


What opportunities has the BASS program provided you that you wouldn't have had otherwise?

"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 as 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





Why BASS?

The 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!

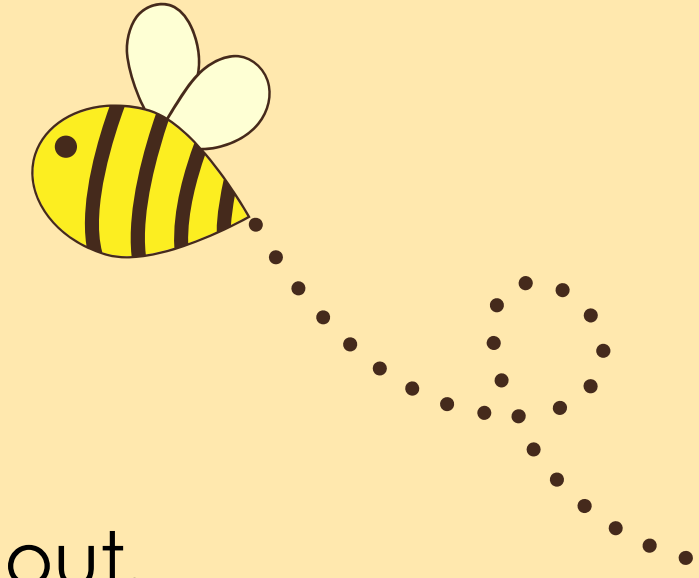
It is so easy to make friends and I think you'd be surprised with the amount of like-minded people you meet. Your personal development will absolutely flourish in ways you never imagined it would!

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



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 others to tackle the important issues.



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.

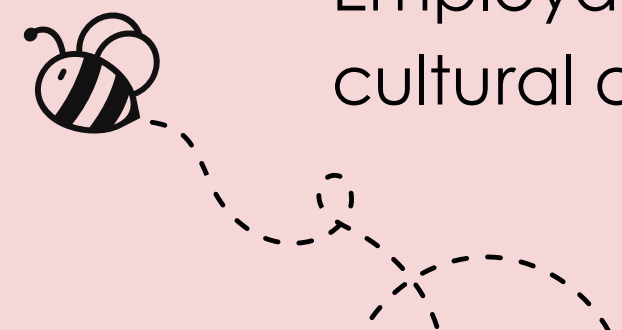
Why study Sociology as part of BASS?

- 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
- Understand the social context of other subjects!

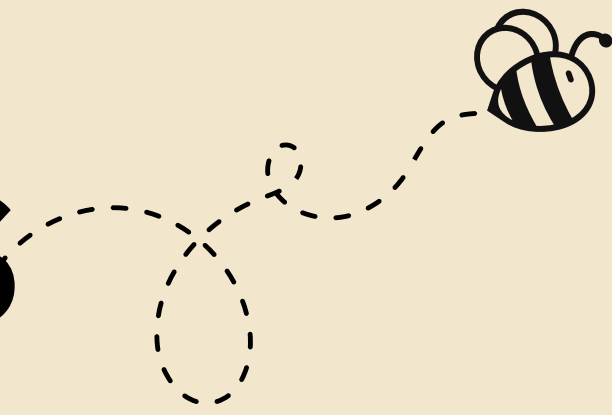


Sociology and your future

- A discipline of transferable skills: not job-specific but job-relevant
- Employability skills developed throughout the course: Research skills, Data analysis, and cultural competency.



Politics



What is it?

- the study of how power works at all levels, from the global, to the national, local and interpersonal

What will you learn?

- to think critically about today's most pressing issues, from climate change to security and peacebuilding to gender, race and sexuality
- teaching across **political theory, international politics** and **comparative politics**

Your future

Graduates go on to work in the Civil Service, Parliament, media, think-tanks, charities, research institutes, local government, and many more

Social anthropology



What is it?

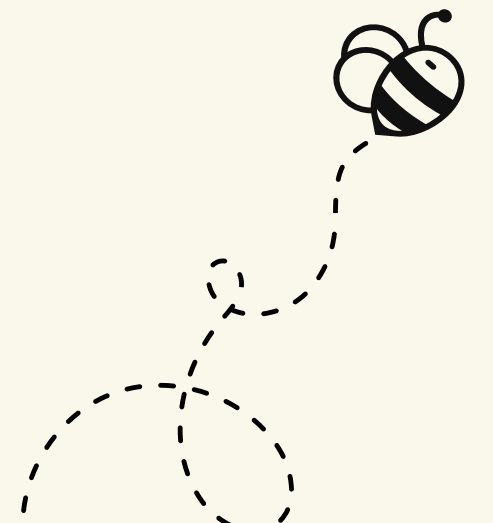
- **‘philosophy with the people in’**
- study of cultural diversity and the hidden complexities of the everyday
- ‘making the familiar strange and the strange familiar’

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



CRIMINOLOGY



WHAT IS CRIMINOLOGY?

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

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.



Data Analytics



WHAT IS DATA ANALYTICS?

Data analytics is the practice of turning raw information into meaningful insights that help us understand society and make better decisions.

WHY STUDY DATA ANALYTICS AS PART OF BASS?

Studying Data Analytics within BASS gives you the power to turn social data into real insight—helping you understand people, behaviour, and society at a deeper level. It's a pathway that opens doors to impactful careers, from policy and research to business and tech, because you're not just learning about the world—you're learning how to analyse it and shape it.

WHY DOES THE WORLD NEED DATA ANALYSTS?

The world needs data analysts because we're producing more information than ever, and organisations can't make sense of it without people who know how to turn data into clarity. Data analysts help solve real problems—improving public services, guiding policy, driving innovation, and making decisions fairer and more evidence-based. They're essential in a world that wants to understand itself.



STUDENT REPS



LUCI (Year 2)

Anthropology & Sociology

URBAN (Year 1)

Politics & Data

FINN (Year 2)
Politics & Philosophy

GAVIN (Year 1)
Sociology & Data

KAI (Year 2)

Criminology & Politics

BEN (Year 2)

Politics & Philosophy



STUDENT REP SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT



BA Social Science

Anthropology: Awareness

Sociology: Society

Philosophy: Perspective

Politics: Power

Criminology: Change

Data: Discovery

6 PARTS
OF ONE
WHOLE



Which discipline made the most convincing case in the debate?



menti.com
3103 5515

Waiting for participants

0

0

0

0

0

0

Anthropology

Sociology

Philosophy

Politics

Criminology

Data
Analytics

Which discipline made the most convincing case in the debate?



0

0

0

0

0

0

Anthropology

Sociology

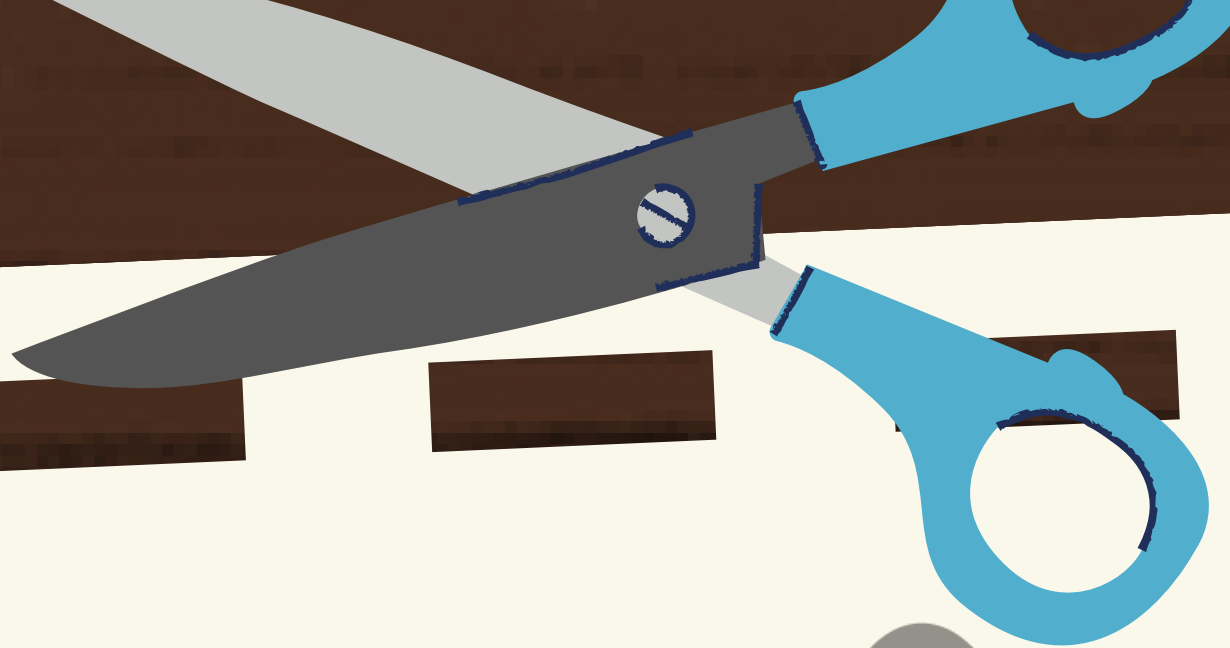
Philosophy

Politics

Criminology

Data Analytics

CONTACT DETAILS AND LINKS



PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Dr Kathrin Morosow
kathrin.morosow@manchester.ac.uk

SOSS DIRECTOR OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Dr Nadim Mirshak
nadim.mirshak@manchester.ac.uk

ADMISSIONS

socialsciences@manchester.ac.uk
tel: +44 (0) 161 543 4029

ONLINE INFO AND BASS WEBPAGE



Website: uom.link/bass-home

Social media: uom.link/socials





EMBRACE THE JOURNEY AHEAD WITH
CURIOSITY AND DETERMINATION...
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!

