



**QUEEN'S  
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**SOCIAL SCIENCES,  
EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL WORK  
UNDERGRADUATE  
PROGRAMMES  
2020 ENTRY**

**MAKING A  
SOCIAL DIFFERENCE**

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# WELCOME

“The School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work is a vibrant community of academics with a diverse range of interdisciplinary skills and expertise but sharing a single core vision: to produce world-leading research and first-class teaching which expands the frontiers of knowledge and understanding, informs policy and practice and makes a social difference locally, regionally and globally. Our vision is underpinned by a commitment to the principles of excellence, transparency and inclusiveness and the creation of an academic environment in which all staff and students feel valued and possess a shared sense of ownership and commitment to what the School seeks to achieve.”

Professor Carl Bagley PhD FRSA  
Head of School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work



**QUEEN'S IS A MEMBER  
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3 OF OUR SCHOOL  
SUBJECTS ARE IN THE  
TOP 20 IN THE UK.  
QUEEN'S RANKED  
5TH FOR SOCIAL  
WORK, 15TH FOR  
CRIMINOLOGY AND  
20TH FOR SOCIAL  
POLICY IN THE UK**

(TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES GOOD  
UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2019)



**OVER 75% OF THE  
RESEARCH IN  
SOCIAL WORK IS OF  
WORLD-CLASS AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
QUALITY**

(RESEARCH EXCELLENCE  
FRAMEWORK 2014)



# CRIMINOLOGY

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## COURSE CONTENT

### Stage 1

Modules often draw on international comparisons with a strong Irish (North and South) emphasis.

Compulsory modules

- Introducing Criminology
- Exploring Criminology

Optional modules

- Introducing Social Policy
- Visualising the Social World
- Rethinking Society
- The Sociological Imagination
- Comparative Politics
- Issues in Contemporary Politics
- Themes and Issues in Social Policy
- Digital Society

### Stage 2

Compulsory modules

- Criminological Theory
- Policing and Society
- Crime and Society
- Qualitative Research Skills
- Quantitative Research Skills

Optional modules

- Environmental Justice
- Crime and the Media
- Theory Counts

### Stage 3

Compulsory modules

- Punishment, Penal Policy and Prisons
- Research Project and Dissertation
- Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice
- Criminology Beyond Borders

Optional modules

- Psychological Perspectives on Crime
- Reintegration after Prison
- Modelling the Social World
- Social Identity: Difference and Inequalities

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## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Internationally Renowned Experts

Criminology is taught by a group of internationally-recognised criminological researchers who specialise in areas such as criminal justice policy, prisons, desistance from crime, offender reintegration, drug use, youth justice, conflict and human rights.

### Prizes

The highest achieving graduates are awarded the Lockheed Prize annually.

### Study Abroad

Students can spend time studying in one of our linked universities in Europe. There are other opportunities to study or work abroad, supported by schemes such as Erasmus and Study USA.

## BA Single Honours

Criminology 3 yrs (M900)

Criminology and Social Policy 3 yrs (ML94)

Criminology and Sociology 3 yrs (ML93)

See also Social Policy and Sociology, and Sociology

## Entrance Requirements

A-level:  
ABB

### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Criminology.

### For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

## Facilities

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## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

The diversity of interests and topics covered in the discipline, plus the wide range of skills it equips you with, means that our students enter a wide range of careers on graduation. Public and private sector organisations involved in the criminal justice system continue to expand and the demand for criminology graduates is strong. The number and variety of career opportunities related to the criminal justice system has increased in recent years.

As well as the traditional criminal justice agencies such as the police, probation service and the prison service, criminology graduates work in a range of occupations, including the media, Civil Service, research, teaching, business, voluntary organisations and management. Criminology graduates also work in victim support organisations and in other social care agencies. Some graduates build on the degree by undertaking further study or training in fields such as policing, probation work, prison service, social work, law, human rights, social science research and teaching. The School has a strong postgraduate programme, offering both Master's and PhD degrees.

Studying for a Criminology degree at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions. Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by many

employers (local, national and international) and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline.

Typical career destinations of graduates include:

- Researcher
- Civil Servant
- Policy Analyst
- Charity Fundraiser
- Market Researcher
- Youth and Community Worker

Graduate employers include:

- Northern Ireland Civil Service
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- National Health Service
- Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
- PwC
- Ulster Bank
- Santander
- Belfast City Council
- Ipsos MORI
- Commission for Victims and Survivors NI

"I loved my time at Queen's, I would do it all over again if I could. My Criminology degree was literally the most interesting thing I have ever done. I learned so much about crime, in Northern Ireland especially, because I am English so I didn't know about it to start with. Third year I loved how you get to choose what you want to learn more about and what you want to go into further depth."

Ashleigh Brown  
BA Single Honours  
Criminology graduate (2017)

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### Entrance requirements

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# CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY

Criminology focuses on the causes and consequences of crime, as well as how the criminal justice system responds to crime. Criminologists are interested in how activities come to be defined as criminal, and why definitions of crime vary across countries and over time. The subject includes a wide range of social and psychological theories that attempt to explain criminal behaviour and the effective operation of the criminal justice system.

Social Policy students learn how to tackle major policy problems. They do this by applying core concepts from social science to intractable social problems such as gender inequality, eldercare, children's rights and climate change. As an applied and critical social science, you will gain knowledge and understanding of contemporary government policies, their impacts, and consider how we can achieve improvements.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Stage 1

Courses often draw on international comparisons with a strong Irish (North and South) emphasis.

Compulsory modules

- Introducing Criminology
- Introducing Social Policy
- Exploring Criminology
- Themes and Issues in Social Policy

Optional modules

- Rethinking Society
- The Sociological Imagination
- Digital Society
- Visualising the Social World

### Stage 2

- Criminological Theory
- Policing and Society
- Welfare in Theory and Practice
- Qualitative Research Skills
- Quantitative Research Skills
- Questions for an Ageing World
- Theory Counts

### Stage 3

Compulsory modules

- Disability and Society
- Punishment, Penal Policy and Prisons
- Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice

- Policy Briefing Paper

Optional modules

- Modelling the Social World
- Gender, Family and Social Policy: Comparative Perspective
- Psychological Perspectives on Crime
- Reintegration after Prison
- Social Identity: Difference and Inequalities
- Criminology Beyond Borders
- Welfare States on the Move: Social Policy Reform in Comparative Perspective

### Exit Route

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### WHY QUEEN'S?

#### Research-led Teaching

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### BA Joint Honours

Criminology and Social Policy 3 yrs (ML94)

See also Criminology, Criminology and Sociology, Social Policy and Sociology, and Sociology

### Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Criminology and Social Policy.

### For students whose first language is not English

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youth justice, conflict, social justice, gender inequality, population change and human rights.

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### CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Criminology and Social Policy graduates are ideally placed for work in a range of occupations, including the Civil Service, public services, policy analysis, media, research, teaching, business, the voluntary sector, commerce, marketing and management. Some graduates build on the degree by undertaking postgraduate training in fields such as social work, law, social science research and teaching. Tailored careers advice and study guidance are available to all students throughout their time at Queen's.

Studying for a Social Policy/Criminology degree at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions. Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by many employers (local, national and international) and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline.

Typical career destinations of graduates include:

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- Policy Analyst
- Charity Fundraiser
- Market Researcher
- Youth and Community Worker

The following is a list of some of the employers that have attracted graduates from the School in recent years:

- Northern Ireland Civil Service
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive

- National Health Service
- Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
- PwC
- Ulster Bank
- Commission for Victims and Survivors NI
- Santander
- Belfast City Council
- Ipsos MORI
- Charities such as the Peter McVerry Trust and Age NI

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“The course offers a wide range of interesting and diverse modules covering many topics and interests. The support and guidance from the department and the expertise of staff has provided me with an invaluable experience that has furthered my knowledge and understanding of both criminological and sociological theory and has motivated me to further my learning by undertaking a Master's degree at Queen's.”

Rachel Stanley  
Joint Honours Graduate (2016)



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Sociology provides a thorough academic grounding in the understanding of social life and human behaviour of all kinds. It equips students with the skills to understand the breadth of social practice, ranging from the global (including power and politics, conflict and peace processes, security, the digital world, climate change, racism and social justice) to individual experiences (such as the body, intimacy, emotions, identity, beliefs and mental health).

## COURSE CONTENT

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### Stage 1

- Introducing Criminology
- Introducing Social Policy
- Exploring Criminology
- Rethinking Society
- The Sociological Imagination
- Digital Society
- Visualising the Social World

### Stage 2

Compulsory modules

- Criminological Theory or The Power of Social Theory
- Crime and Society
- Policing and Society
- Qualitative Research Skills
- Quantitative Research Skills

Optional modules

- Theory Counts
- Environmental Crime and Justice
- Sociology of Conflict and Peace
- Social Inequalities and Diversity
- Crime and the Media

### Stage 3

Compulsory modules

- Punishment, Penal Policy and Prisons

Optional modules

- Contemporary Irish Society
- Religion: Death or Revival
- Youth, Crime and Criminal Justice
- Global Risk Society
- Criminology Beyond Borders
- Norms and Social Change
- Reintegration After Prison
- Psychological Perspectives on Crime
- Emotion, Power, and Politics
- Modelling the Social World
- Social Identity: Difference and Inequalities

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## Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

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Studying for a Joint Honours Degree in Criminology and Sociology at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions. Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by many employers (local, national and international) and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline.

The diversity of interests and topics covered in the discipline, plus the wide range of skills it equips you with, means that our students enter a wide range of careers on graduation. These include the public sector (e.g. social services, education, criminal justice, social work), private sector (e.g. market research, policy analysis, human resources), and third sector (e.g. policy analyst, researcher, youth support worker, charity fundraiser). A number of our students also go on to postgraduate study, on a full or part-time basis.

The following is a list of the major career sectors (and indicative starting salaries) that have attracted our graduates in recent years:

- Fast Stream Civil Service: £25,000
- Diversity Manager: £22,800
- Public Policy Analyst: £19,000
- Public Relations Officer: £16,000-£25,000
- Volunteer Coordinator: £20,000-£26,500
- Social Researcher: £22,000
- Social Worker (after relevant graduate track degree): £23,500
- Public Administrator: £22,300
- Charity Fundraiser: £15,000-£24,000
- Police Officer: £22,300
- Teacher (after relevant graduate track degree): £21,500

### Graduate employers include:

- Northern Ireland Civil Service
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- National Health Service
- Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
- PwC
- Ulster Bank
- Santander
- Belfast City Council
- Ipsos MORI
- Commission for Victims and Survivors NI

### Further Study

Further study is also an option open to Criminology and Sociology graduates. You can choose from a wide range of Master's programmes as well as a comprehensive list of research topics.

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# SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIOLOGY

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Drawing on multidisciplinary ideas from politics, sociology, economics and law, this course helps create highly relevant and versatile graduates with the ability to enter employment at local, national and international levels.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Stage 1

Compulsory modules

- Introducing Social Policy
- Rethinking Society
- Themes and Issues in Social Policy
- Digital Society
- Sociological Imagination

### Optional modules

- Introducing Criminology
- Visualising the Social World

### Stage 2

Compulsory modules

- Welfare in Theory and Practice
- The Power of Social Theory
- Qualitative Research Skills
- Quantitative Research Skills
- Social Inequalities and Diversity
- Questions for an Ageing World

Optional module

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- Policy Briefing Paper
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See also Criminology and Social Policy

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BA Criminology and Social Policy

A-level:

ABB

BA Social Policy and Sociology

A-level:

BBB

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### WHY QUEEN'S?

#### Award-winning Teaching

Students in the School are educated in a dynamic academic environment by award-winning teaching staff, and in a recent government-sponsored review of research, staff in the School achieved 'world-leading' and 'international excellence' status for the high quality of their research work.

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- Ulster Bank
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- Santander

- Belfast City Council
- Ipsos MORI
- South Eastern Library Board
- REED
- Queen's University Belfast
- Ulster University

### Further Study

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**"Social Policy offers a unique insight into various realms of social life, such as the family, the judicial system and the health care system. Not only did this subject enable me to understand how these social realms are interconnected, it opened my eyes to the impact they have on the trajectory of my own life, such as how my income will impact on my health outcomes. I was taught by academics who are truly passionate about their field and who set coursework which was exceptionally varied and designed with employability skills in mind."**

Erin Delaney  
BA (Hons) Social Policy and Sociology



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# SOCIAL WORK

The BSW (Hons) degree is the recognised professional qualification in Social Work. Teaching involves both academic study and practice learning opportunities, which are delivered in partnership with social work agencies. Practice learning opportunities are allocated in collaboration with a wide range of social work agencies and the process is managed by the Northern Ireland Degree in Social Work Partnership. Practice learning involves full-time work in a social work agency (85 days at Level 2, and 100 days at Level 3), which is supported and assessed by a qualified Practice Teacher, employed by the social work agency. The course offers graduates a generic qualification to practice as Social Workers with a range of service user groups in different settings and agencies.

## COURSE CONTENT

Modules often draw on recent developments within policy, research and theory. The teaching is research-informed and uses international comparisons. Service user involvement permeates all the modules, through direct involvement, research findings or online or audio/visual resources.

### Level 1 (Undergraduate Route)

Semester 1

- Introduction to Social Work
- Law for Social Workers
- Preparation for Practice Learning

Semester 2

- Themes and Issues in Social Policy
- Psychology for Social Work
- Sociology for Social Work

### Level 2 (Undergraduate Route)

Semester 1

- Practice Learning Level 2
- Evidence Informed Case Study Level 2

Semester 2

- Social Work in Context
- Research, Policy and Practice
- Social Issues across the Life Course

### Level 2 (Relevant Graduate Route)

- Introduction to Social Work
- Law for Social Workers
- Preparation for Practice Learning
- Practice Learning Level 2
- Evidence Informed Case Study Level 2

### Level 3 (Undergraduate and Relevant Graduate Routes)

Semester 1

- Social Work with Children and Families
- Social Work in Adult Services
- Social Work in Criminal Justice and the Courts

Semester 2

- Practice Learning Level 3
- Evidence Informed Project Level 3

## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Top-ranking

Social Work at Queen's is ranked 5th in the UK according to the Times and Sunday Times, Good University Guide 2019 and is ranked joint 2nd in the UK for career prospects (The Guardian University Guide 2019).

### Professional Accreditations

The Degree in Social Work is professionally accredited by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC).

### Professional Qualification

Following an Assessed Year in Employment (AYE), graduates will be professionally-qualified social workers.

### Student Experience

Social work students currently receive an incentive scheme. This is a bursary valued at £4,000 per year with an additional fund of £500 to assist students with the cost of studying. This scheme remains under review. Please see full details, following the link: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/>

## BSW Honours

Social Work (Undergraduate Route) 3 yrs (L500)

Social Work (Relevant Graduate Route) 2 yrs (L501)

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade C or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University

**Graduates:** minimum standard 2.2, applicants must have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Mathematics or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University.

**Relevant Graduate Entry:** students with a relevant Honours degree (minimum standard 2.2) will be considered for admission to a shortened two-year course leading to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. Applicants must have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Mathematics or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University.

A relevant degree is deemed to be an Honours degree where at least one third of the course passed at Honours level comprises one or more of the following: Sociology, Psychology, Social Policy/ Social Administration; and degrees in Law, Teaching, Nursing, Community Work, Youth Work, Early Childhood Studies or other cognate subjects.

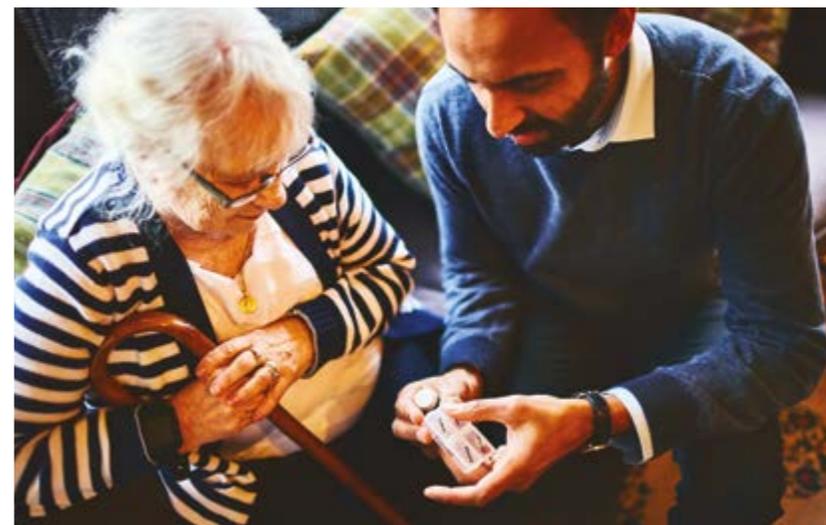
Graduates in any other subjects (minimum standard 2.2) who have successfully completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) will also be considered.

### All applicants:

1. Because of the professional nature of the course, a satisfactory Access NI check and registration with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council are required.
2. It will be beneficial for applicants to have some paid or voluntary experience of a social care nature, or of helping or mentoring others.
3. Applicants being considered for an offer will be interviewed to assess their suitability for Social Work training. The interview is organised on a regional basis enabling eligible applicants to have a single interview for all Northern Ireland Social Work programmes.

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“The degree equips students with the knowledge, values and skills required for effective social work practice. We have developed important partnerships with service user and carer organisations across Northern Ireland who assist us in these important aspects of teaching. At a very early stage in the course, students visit these groups in their own community settings as part of their teaching on the real meaning of social work values.”

Dr Joe Duffy, Senior Lecturer in Social Work

## International Opportunities

There are opportunities whilst on the Social Work degree to participate in summer visits to other countries to explore social work education and practice in an international context.

## Prizes

The highest achieving students in Social Work are awarded the annual Brian Rankin Prize with the highest achieving student receiving the Brian Rankin medal.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Studying for a social work degree at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills, knowledge and values valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions. Queen's is currently ranked joint 2nd in the UK for career prospects for Social Work according to the Guardian University Guide (2019).

## Employment after the Course

Graduates are well regarded by many employers (local, national and international) and according to data provided by the NISCC, 80% of social work graduates are registered for their Assessed Year in Employment, to complete their full registration with the NISCC within 6-9 months of graduation.

For information on the Assessed Year in Employment see [www.niscc.info/assessed-year-inemployment-aye](http://www.niscc.info/assessed-year-inemployment-aye)

For employment opportunities in the statutory sector in Northern Ireland see <https://www.hscrecruit.com/>

For registration as a Social Worker in the Republic of Ireland see [www.coru.ie/en/about\\_us/social\\_workers\\_registration\\_board](http://www.coru.ie/en/about_us/social_workers_registration_board)

## Employers

Social workers are employed throughout the statutory and voluntary social services. There are many career development opportunities leading to specialist posts and to the highest levels of management within statutory and voluntary social services agencies.

You should also take a look at [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) and [www.niscc.info](http://www.niscc.info) for further information concerning the types of jobs that attract social work graduates.

The typical starting salary of Social Work graduates is £23,000 (based on the Agenda For Change Pay scale for Band 5 social work posts), increasing to £28,000 (when social workers can progress to Band 6 posts) upon completion of their Assessed Year In Employment.

## Further Study

Further study is also an option open to social work graduates. Students can choose from a wide range of Master's and PhD programmes, as well as a comprehensive list of postgraduate courses.



**2ND IN THE UK FOR CAREER PROSPECTS FOR SOCIAL WORK**  
(Guardian University Guide Career Prospects 2019)

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# SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is a scientific discipline concerned with the explanation of social life and human behaviour of all kinds. It equips students with the skills to understand the breadth of social practice, ranging from the global (including power and politics, conflict and peace processes, security, the digital world, climate change, racism and social justice) to individual experiences (such as the body, intimacy, emotions, identity, beliefs and mental health). Through theoretical tools and methodological techniques, Sociology at Queen's provides students with a unique way of interacting with the world as critical and engaged citizens.

## COURSE CONTENT

The Sociology team's diverse research interests translate into an exciting and dynamic programme, with opportunities to study a range of subjects, such as:

- Intimacy, families and gender
- Conflict, deviance, violence and peace building
- Emotions and Politics, from Trump to Brexit
- Environmental security
- Ethnicity, race and racism
- Health, illness and care
- Inequalities, poverty and social exclusion
- Religion and extremism
- Research methods and data skills (quantitative and qualitative)

### Stage 1

In first year, you will learn to think sociologically and explore the sociological imagination using up-to-date research, from studies on Facebook to romance and dating. Our key module Digital Society allows students to critically reflect on the role of technology in our daily lives, from surveillance to 'Big Data'.

#### Core Modules

- Rethinking Sociology
- The Sociological Imagination
- Digital Society

#### Optional Modules

- Introducing Criminology
- Exploring Criminology
- Visualising the Social World
- Introducing Social Policy
- Themes and Issues in Social Policy
- Comparative Politics
- Issues in Contemporary Politics

### Stage 2

In second year, you will be introduced to classical and contemporary theories, and develop proficiency in quantitative and qualitative research methods. You will gain skills in using the most widely used software, for example, SPSS and NVivo. We take advantage of ARK, a key resource situated in the School, and use their wide range of attitudinal surveys, often commissioned by government and key NI organisations. This allows students to apply their research skills training to contemporary issues, using the latest survey data.

#### Core Modules

- The Power of Social Theory
- Quantitative Research Skills
- Social Inequalities and Diversity
- Qualitative Research Skills

#### Optional Modules

- Northern Ireland: Conflict, Identity, Peace
- Welfare in Theory and Practice
- Environmental Crime and Justice
- Questions for an Ageing World
- Theory Counts
- Gender and Migration
- Sociology of Conflict and Peace

### Stage 3

In final year, students design and undertake their own research project, under the guidance of a dedicated supervisor. This allows students to develop their own research question on a topic of their own selection, building on their studies. We encourage students to partner with community organisations to ensure that their research has direct and often immediate impact, where it is needed. As well as the development of specialist subject knowledge, the final year

## BA Single Honours

Sociology 3yrs (L300)

## BA Joint Honours

Criminology and Sociology 3 yrs (ML93)

English and Sociology 3 yrs (QL33)

History and Sociology 3 yrs (VL13)

Social Policy and Sociology 3 yrs (LL43)

See also Social Policy, Social Work and Sociology with Quantitative Methods

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

BBB for BA Single Honours and BA Joint Honours except BA Joint Honours with Criminology for which the requirements are ABB.

### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Sociology, however, if you plan to study Sociology as a Joint Honours degree you should refer to the subject requirements for the other course.

### For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

project provides key transferable skills, including independent project management and problem solving. A key aspect of final year is the ability to choose from the specialist Sociology options, reflecting the team's research interests.

### Optional Modules

- Religion: Death or Revival
- Norms and Social Change
- Emotion, Power, and Politics: The Political Sociology of Emotions, Trump, Brexit, and Populism
- Modern Families: Intimate and Personal Relationships
- Disability and Society
- Contemporary Irish Society
- Global Risk Society
- Modelling the Social World
- Social Identity: Difference and Inequalities

### Exit Route

Students who wish to benefit from specialist training in quantitative research can undertake a series of dedicated social science research modules over the course of their degree studies. Successful completion of 80 CATS credits of advanced quantitative research training (four modules) in stages 2 and 3 will receive the enhancement of BSc 'with Quantitative Methods' added to the name of the degree awarded.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Personal Tutor

You will be assigned a personal tutor during induction. This member of academic staff will provide one-to-one support and mentoring throughout your studies at Queen's.

### Study Abroad

We have a solid tradition of students undertaking Study Abroad through Erasmus schemes (with universities in Barcelona, Lünd in Sweden, Paris and Aix en Provence in France, Munich and Dusseldorf in Germany, Rotterdam and Nijmegen in the Netherlands, Jyväskylä in Finland).

### Prizes

The Lockheed Prizes are awarded annually to students for the Bachelor of Arts degrees taking Single, Major or Joint subjects in Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work.

### Research-led Teaching

Sociology is taught by a group of internationally recognised sociologists who specialise in areas such as family, childhood, religion and conflict.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Your degree in Sociology will equip you with a range of transferable skills that are highly sought in a wide variety of fields in the contemporary jobs market. Sociology graduates are found in a range of occupations, including management, communication, marketing, sales, retail, journalism, media research and publishing, youth and community work, charities and the voluntary sector, healthcare, social and civil services, and education. Sociology is also a good fit for a variety of careers in business: it develops the ability to gather and evaluate evidence; to engage in critical analysis; and to understand and explain complex problems and situations.

Our graduates have worked for organisations beyond and within Northern Ireland, such as:

- Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA)
- Belfast Child
- Johnsons Solicitors
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Lloyds Banking Group
- Barnardos
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive

**“My Sociology degree opened my eyes about the world. I now question everything and my curiosity has grown! It has helped in my current job as I developed my analytical and problem-solving skills, which are essential for the workplace.”**

Anna Savage  
BA Sociology graduate  
Statistical Officer, NISRA

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## A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY

As a member of the Russell Group, we are one of the UK's 24 leading universities, providing our students with a world-class education underpinned by world-class research. Queen's researchers work closely with more than 250 universities around the world.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our teaching quality is recognised as being of the highest standard. Queen's students are taught by academics who are informed by the latest discoveries in their fields. The University has won five Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Further and Higher Education, for world-class achievement in green chemistry, environmental

research, palaeoecology, law and for Northern Ireland's Comprehensive Cancer Services (CCS) programme. The latest UK Research Excellence Framework 2014 revealed that all academic areas at Queen's have research assessed as 'world leading', and the University's research strengths are reflected in the quality of our teaching.

## WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS

Queen's has one of the most modern campuses in the UK, including the award winning McClay Library, one of the finest libraries in the world and home to 1.2 million volumes and 2,000 reader places. Other highlights include our new-look Students' Union, the state-of-the-art Physical Education Centre – used as a training camp for the 2012 Olympics. Queen's Elms Student Village or the brand new city centre accommodation Elms BT1 and Elms BT2 are located within easy walking distance of the University.



**WORLD LEADING RESEARCH JOINT 8TH IN THE UK FOR RESEARCH INTENSITY**

(Research Excellence Framework REF 2014)



**9TH IN THE UK FOR UNIVERSITY FACILITIES**

(Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018)



# ABOUT BELFAST AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast itself is a fun city on the current 'Must See' destination lists. It is also the safest region in the UK (British Crime Survey 2015/16). Awash with enthusiasm, culture and that famous Irish friendliness, students can also explore:

- Game of Thrones' film location and activity tours.
- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains.
- Titanic Belfast is the World's Best Visitor Attraction (World Travel Awards 2016).
- Great entertainment and nights out; a buzzing arts and social scene from festivals, theatre and international events to historic pubs, stylish bars and brilliant shopping.
- Northern Ireland: happiest place in the UK (Office of National Statistics 2016) alongside the lowest student rent in the UK (Marbles.com, 2018).
- The rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe with accessible airport and transport links to most major cities.



BELFAST VOTED  
**NUMBER 1 REGION**  
IN THE WORLD TO VISIT IN 2018  
(LONELY PLANET, 2017)



**NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE  
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**LOWEST COST OF  
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(Mercer, 2016)



TITANIC BELFAST MUSEUM  
**WORLD'S BEST VISITOR  
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(World Travel Awards 2016)



**GAME OF THRONES  
FILM LOCATION AND  
ACTIVITY TOURS**



**MOURNE  
MOUNTAINS**

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