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# UNDERGRADUATE *Degrees*





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## WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY

This is an exciting time to be studying sociology and/or its close disciplinary neighbour, social policy. We are living through times of dramatic change nationally, internationally and globally – as economic, environmental, social and cultural challenges mount and the pace of change consequently quickens.

How do we begin to understand the nature and impact of rapid change on different societies and social groups? Who benefits? Who does not? How do we as individuals understand ourselves as we are confronted by rapidly changing social conditions?

With some of the best researchers and teachers in their fields the School offers research-led teaching across a wide range of modules that include sociological theory and research methods but go well beyond these core areas, allowing you to develop specialised pathways in, for example, gender, 'race' and ethnicity, disability studies and crime.

If you choose to study social policy, you will have the opportunity to discover more about the nature of welfare and social justice in different societies – how goods and services are allocated, and the 'fairness' with which the most vulnerable groups in society are treated. You will be able to debate the question 'what type of society do we want to live in and how do we achieve social change?'

As to the future, sociology and social policy offer great opportunities for employment in a wide range of careers – for example, public service in central or local government, teaching, social work and other public sector jobs, work within the charitable sector, journalism and social research. Private sector opportunities include general management, banking, marketing, human resources and a wide range of other jobs.



*I really love studying Sociology; the fantastic thing about it is that it covers such a wide variety of subject matter. During my time at the University of Leeds, I've covered modules that focus on crime, drugs and prisons, but I've also studied other areas like social welfare, globalisation, education and sociological theories.*

Riyad Cajee  
BA Sociology





*“I have gained countless employability skills during my internship; such as sales, customer service, team work and the ability to multi-task effectively. As a result of my internship, if I want to return to Enterprise, I have now been given the opportunity to fast-track the application process to the final stage.”*

**Natasha Laws**  
BA Sociology

## Why study Sociology and Social Policy at Leeds?

### Our excellent research environment

We received the second highest position in the country in terms of ‘world-leading’ research in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

We are very proud of the innovative and exciting research taking place within the School of Sociology and Social Policy. We host a number of vibrant research centres which address many significant sociological issues of our time.

This research informs and ignites our teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, which means that you are taught by some of the best researchers and teachers in the fields of sociology and social policy, who bring this cutting-edge research to your teaching.

### Our outstanding range of courses

With such a diverse range of courses, including many joint honours options, studying with us can open up many doors. Because of these wide-ranging programmes, you have the opportunity to select modules from an interesting and varied list, tailoring your course to reflect your own personal interests.

“The sociology course at Leeds is unique and really appealed to me because it offered such diverse module options, meaning I could study so many things. For example, you can take units that allow you to learn about sociological theory, representation of ethnic groups in cinema and on television and how different social groups experience society, all in the same year.”

**Jacob Sheen**  
BA Sociology (International)

### Your excellent career prospects

There is also a practical purpose in studying sociology, social policy and related fields: our graduates are going on to work not only in roles within public services, central and local government, and social work, but many in parts of the private sector too, where an understanding of sociological issues is increasingly seen as necessary.

We have addressed our students’ interest in their future careers by expanding opportunities to undertake study abroad, work placements and internships which we actively encourage our students to do. As well as giving you the opportunity to develop your skills, these will enhance your CV and employability upon graduation.

## Study Abroad or Year in Industry

### Study Abroad

We have one of the widest ranges of study abroad opportunities in the UK and all students in the School of Sociology and Social Policy have the opportunity to apply for this fantastic experience.

Studying abroad for a year not only adds an international dimension to your studies, by giving you the experience of living and studying abroad, it also enables you to develop your skills, enhancing your employability upon graduation.

We have a dedicated Study Abroad Office who can help you during every step, from query to application, from visas to financial support – the Study Abroad Office is there to help.

There are two different schemes that students can take advantage of, either the Erasmus (European) scheme or the world-wide scheme.

#### *In Europe...*

This scheme, funded by the European Commission is a programme for students which subsidises tuition fees and provides non-repayable grants to assist with the costs of studying abroad.

The School of Sociology and Social Policy currently has a partnership with the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

#### *And beyond...*

If you would like to go a little further afield then there are many opportunities for students to study on the world-wide scheme. Our partner universities are in places as diverse as:

- Asia
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Canada
- Latin America
- South Africa
- USA

### Year in Industry

For students interested in developing their employability skills, we offer a year in ‘industry’. This can include a role in a private sector organisation, in a public sector role in for example a public authority, or charitable organisation. Our aim is to provide you with every opportunity to enhance your employability.

You would apply during your second year with a view to working during year three and would return to your studies in year four.

Students are provided with support and guidance from the School of Sociology and Social Policy and the University’s Careers Centre during the process of obtaining their placement.

“My study abroad year which I undertook in Australia as part of my third year remains the best year of my life to date. It really is a once in a lifetime experience. The benefits are great, both personally and academically – I would strongly recommend it to anyone!”

**Jacob Sheen**  
BA Sociology (International), Australia

“I found my placement through the University Careers Centre and I’m learning so much. I’ve developed my commercial awareness and knowledge of business procedure but, perhaps most importantly, I’ve developed a lot of transferable skills such as time management, organisation, using my initiative and presentation and communication skills. I would recommend a placement year to everyone. It’s been a great opportunity for me to improve my CV, develop my skills and get a taste of working in industry.”

**Charlotte Byrne**  
BA Sociology (Industry), Office Administrator,  
Credit Insurance Brokers





“Studying Social Policy and Sociology has helped me massively in every aspect of my role. Working with the Service Development Team has given me the chance to explore how the organisation delivers policy and procedure to the local community.”

**Seline Walker**  
Graduate Trainee, Lewisham Homes.

“I’ve had a fantastic three years at Leeds studying Social Policy. With inspiring and supportive lecturers, courses that focus on contemporary issues and bring social policy to life, and a real mix of students, this department has it all! I liked it so much I came back for more...”

**Ruth Patrick**  
PhD student

**What some of our graduates do:**

- Children’s Centre Services Coordinator
- Community Development Officer
- Project Co-ordinator and Assistant Youth Worker
- Trainee Social Worker
- Drugs Worker
- Charity Support Worker
- Probation Officer
- Broadcast Assistant
- Learning Mentor
- Pupil Support Worker
- Communications Manager
- Financial Recruitment Consultant
- Marketing Officer

# YOUR FUTURE: EMPLOYABILITY AND CAREERS

Employability is something we are very proud of in the School of Sociology and Social Policy. Our latest statistics show that 93 per cent of our graduates were in employment or further study within six months of graduation.\*

In addition to the University Careers Centre which provides help to all students at Leeds, the School of Sociology and Social Policy has dedicated staff to cater to your every need and enhance your personal development during your time at Leeds.

As a student in the School of Sociology and Social Policy you will have access to:

- Careers advice
- One-one careers sessions
- CV guidance
- Careers modules
- Networking events
- Specialist careers talks
- Alumni talks
- Internship opportunities
- Volunteering opportunities

Our students thrive in the increasingly competitive job market and alumni go into a wide range of careers. Our graduates leave with very marketable skills, particularly the ability to design and conduct accurate research, a skill utilised by both the public and private sectors. The analytical skills developed during our programmes are also relevant to occupations across a broad range of employment sectors.

## Careers in Business, Industry and the Private Sector

Our courses equip you with the skills to work as graduate trainees with some of the largest companies in the UK (Tesco, WHSmith, Arcadia Group, Deloitte); in human resources; in law; communications management; broadcasting and marketing.

## Careers in the Public Sector

Graduates also gain employment in the civil service; teaching, youth work; fostering/children’s services; probation services; social work; prison services; housing and homelessness prevention.

## Postgraduate Studies

Some graduates choose to pursue further study in for example, teaching; journalism; human resources; marketing; town planning; social work; criminal justice studies and many into social research.

\* University of Leeds Destinations of Leavers of Higher Education.

# HOW WILL I STUDY?

## How will my degree be organised?

All the University’s degrees are modular in nature, giving you a wide range of choice over the topics that you wish to study in more detail. A module is a unit of teaching that the School then examines upon completion. Modules are weighted in terms of credits: most modules have a 20 credit weighting.

You must study 120 credits worth of modules a year, with an additional 10 credit IT skills module in year one. Some modules are compulsory but you will find that most are optional or elective modules.

The number of optional modules you can take tends to increase as you get further into the course, giving you a solid grounding and then allowing you to specialise in your preferred areas. Most of these will be within the School – less if you are doing joint honours with a discipline outside the School – and you are allowed to choose some elective modules from other Schools.

You can expect to develop a wide range of skills with our programmes. These include critical reasoning, use of evidence, personal research and independent learning, written and verbal presentation, and the use of information technologies to develop findings and present conclusions. As well as being valuable academic attributes, these qualities are attractive to potential employers. On top of the support offered by the School, students can call upon the University’s Skills Centre, see [www.leeds.ac.uk/skillscentre](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/skillscentre) for more information.

## How is teaching organised?

Most teaching takes place in lectures and tutorials. Lectures ‘set the scene’ for a topic or theme, and provide you with a framework for further reading and investigation. Tutorials occur in smaller groups of students, who meet for structured discussions under the guidance of the lecturer or a tutor. Tutorial groups allow students to investigate lecture topics in more depth, raising questions and developing arguments.

## How is assessment organised?

In general, the School assesses modules through both an essay and an exam. Most modules are assessed via one essay of 2,500 - 3,000 words and one two-hour exam, but some modules include poster presentations and assessed work for seminars. Supported by a supervisor, final year students design and complete a dissertation: a large piece of independent study in an area of special interest to them. Social policy students may opt to follow independent, supervised ‘desktop studies’ in their final year.



## How will I be supported?

The School assigns all students with a personal tutor from amongst the academic staff. Personal tutors are available to offer general guidance on academic issues, such as choice of modules, and assist in dealing with personal queries or difficulties. The School’s Student Support Officer is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to ensure students get the maximum benefit from their time at Leeds. This includes providing support particularly in relation to personal development training and planning, peer mentoring, study skills and wider aspects of student welfare.

The Student:Staff Forum is a committee run by and for students and exists to discuss issues raised by student representatives on behalf of the wider student body.

As well as this, under the Peer Mentoring Scheme new students have the opportunity to work with a mentor who will be either a level 2 or 3 student from the School. It has already proved extremely effective at accelerating the ‘settling in period’ for new students.



## Staff research and teaching interests includes:

- **Understanding racism in all its forms** Prof. Ian Law
- **International health and development** Dr Nick Emmel
- **Understanding the consumer society** Dr Mark Davies
- **Black identity** Dr Shirley Tate
- **Housing and society** Dr Laura Hemingway
- **Gender, sexuality, intimacy and the body** Dr Sally Hines
- **Retirement and pensions** Dr Kirk Mann
- **History of welfare policy** Dr Simon Prideaux
- **Understanding the process of globalization** Prof. Nick Ellison
- **Global culture industries (film, tourism)** Dr Rodanthi Tzanelli
- **Young people and sex education: educational practices** Dr Sharon Elley
- **Drugs, society, politics and policy** Dr Mark Monaghan
- **Social and cultural uses of aesthetics** Prof. Ruth Holliday
- **Disability equality and policy** Prof. Mark Priestley
- **Family, education and the life course** Dr Sarah Irwin
- **Understanding ethnicity** Dr Yasmin Hussain
- **The meaning of citizenship in a rapidly changing world** Dr Angharad Beckett
- **The politics and ethics of reproductive technologies** Prof. Anne Kerr
- **Understanding the UK sex industry** Dr Teela Sanders
- **Protest and social movements** Dr Paul Bagguley



## OUR RESEARCH AND YOU

As you would expect from one of the highest rated sociology/social policy schools in the country, we take great pride in our research and publications record and we strive to ensure that the research undertaken by teaching staff is closely reflected in the modules that we are able to offer you.

'Research-led teaching' is consequently a key principle embedded in our undergraduate programmes in each of the three years – although you can expect the emphasis on the particular research interests of individual staff to increase as you move from the introductory modules in year one, through the greater sophistication of the modules in year two to the more intellectually demanding work of the final year.

In addition to their contribution to the undergraduate programmes, many staff members are involved, alongside dedicated research staff, in the School's highly successful research centres:

- Centre for Disability Studies (CDS)
- Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities (CIRCLE)
- Centre for Families, the Lifecourse and Generations (FlaG)
- Centre for Ethnicity and Racism Studies (CERS)
- Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (CIGS)





## BA (Hons) Sociology

UCAS code: L300

### Entry requirements

ABB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

Sociology explores the organisation and structure of society, and examines the changing nature of human action.

If you choose to study sociology, you will quickly engage with the complexity of society, and learn about the social, cultural, economic and political processes that shape human experience.

Studying sociology enables you to question 'common-sense' assumptions about the social world and challenge ideas about what constitutes 'natural' behaviour.

And, at Leeds, you have the ability to focus on your own sociological interests through our extensive selection of optional modules in years one, two and three.

You will have the opportunity to study ethnicity, popular culture, crime, subculture, sexuality, protest and social control, alongside globalisation, welfare reform, environmentalism, migration, citizenship, consumerism, disability studies and social theory.

### Year one

#### Compulsory modules

Sociological Analysis of Contemporary Society; Sociological Thinking; Identity, Difference and Inequalities; Central Debates in Welfare; and Study Skills for Social Science.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year two

#### Compulsory modules

Sociology and Social Policy Research Methods; and Central Problems in Sociology.

**Plus:** A further three modules from the following: Globalization: Equality and Diversity; Crime, Law and Regulation; Race and Hollywood Cinema; Drugs: Society, Politics and Policy; Disability Studies: An Introduction; The Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Health and Illness; Racism and Ethnicity Studies: A Global Approach; Individual, Mind and Society; Men, Masculinities and Identity; The Sociology of the Environment; and Urban Disorders, Social Divisions and Social Control.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year three

#### Compulsory module

Sociology Dissertation.

**Plus:** A further three modules from the following: Sexualities and Society; Governing Cultures, Identities and Emotions; Citizenship, Identity and Social Change; Disability Rights and the International Policy Context; Education, Culture and Society; Housing in Urban Society; Reading the Classics; Discipline and Punish; Protest and Social Movements; Globalisation and the Sex Trade; Understanding Interpersonal Violence; and Ethnicity and Popular Culture.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

*"Sociology is a course that gives you understanding of the world. It gives perspective but it is also in the front line of policy making, development and charitable work globally, there is no area of life that cannot be understood or analysed in a sociological context. In many ways it is the study of life, of social groups and of interactions on every level of existence."*

**Jack Cunliffe**  
BA Sociology



## BA (Hons) Social Policy

UCAS code: L430

### Entry requirements

ABB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

Social Policy explores how governments deliver welfare to citizens, and examines how modern societies understand poverty, human need and equality.

When you choose to study Social Policy, you will immerse yourself in fundamental social policy concerns, and investigate specific social policies of governments and other agencies, assessing how such policies impact on people's day-to-day lives.

At Leeds, you have the ability to focus on your own social policy interests through our extensive selection of optional modules throughout years one to three.

Our department offers you the opportunity to study inequality, disability, demographic change, pensions, housing and community, alongside the impact of 'globalisation' on welfare states, crime prevention and management, the family and social policy in different societies.

### Year one

#### Compulsory modules

Sociological Analysis of Contemporary Society; Identity, Difference and Inequalities; Central Debates in Welfare; Social Welfare and Social Change; and Study Skills for Social Science.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year two

#### Compulsory module

Sociology and Social Policy Research Methods.

**Plus:** Two modules from the following: Globalization: Equality and Diversity; Disability Studies: An Introduction; New Labour, Crime and Welfare; and Urban Disorders, Social Divisions and Social Control.

**Plus:** One module from the following: Globalization: Equality and Diversity; Crime, Law and Regulation; Race and Hollywood Cinema; Drugs: Society, Politics and Policy; Disability Studies: An Introduction; Racism and Ethnicity Studies: A Global Approach; New Labour, Crime and Welfare; and Urban Disorders: Social Divisions and Social Control.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year three

#### Compulsory module

Social Policy Dissertation.

**Plus:** Two modules from the following: Approaches to Social Exclusion in Later Life; Housing in Urban Society; and The Family, Work and Welfare in Britain and the United States.

**Plus:** One module from the following: Approaches to Social Exclusion in Later Life; Governing Cultures, Identities and Emotions; Citizenship, Identity and Social Change; Disability Rights and the International Policy Context; Education, Culture and Society; Housing in Urban Society; Discipline and Punish; and The Family, Work and Welfare in Britain and the United States.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.



## BA (Hons) Social Policy and Sociology

UCAS code: LL34

### Entry requirements

ABB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

This interdisciplinary degree provides the opportunity to combine the subject areas of Sociology and Social Policy.

Sociology engages with the organisation, complexity and structure of society, and investigates the social, cultural, economic and political processes that shape human experience. Social Policy, on the other hand, explores how governments deliver welfare to citizens, and examines how modern societies understand poverty, human need and equality.

So choosing the interdisciplinary degree enables you to both examine the social world and immerse yourself in how governments respond to it, while also assessing how policies impact on people's day-to-day lives.

You will have the ability to focus on your own sociology and social policy interests through our extensive selection of optional modules in years one, two and three.

The interdisciplinary degree programme offers you the opportunity to study violence, sexuality, ethnicity, protest and social control, alongside globalisation, citizenship, welfare reform, pensions, housing, migration and social policy in different societies.

### Year one

#### Compulsory modules

Sociological Analysis of Contemporary Society; Sociological Thinking; Central Debates in Welfare; Social Welfare and Social Change; and Study Skills for Social Science.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year two

#### Compulsory modules

Sociology and Social Policy Research Methods; and Central Problems in Sociology.

**Plus:** One module from the following: Globalization: Equality and Diversity; Disability Studies: An Introduction; New Labour, Crime and Welfare; and Urban Disorders, Social Divisions and Social Control.

**Plus:** Two modules from the following: Globalization: Equality and Diversity; Crime, Law and Regulation; Race and Hollywood Cinema; Drugs: Society, Politics and Policy; Disability Studies: An Introduction; The Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Health and Illness; Racism and Ethnicity Studies: A Global Approach; New Labour, Crime and Welfare; Individual, Mind and Society; Men, Masculinities and Identity; The Sociology of the Environment; and Urban Disorders, Social Divisions and Social Control.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year three

#### Compulsory module

Dissertation in either Sociology or Social Policy.

**Plus:** One module from the following: Approaches to Social Exclusion in Later Life; Housing in Urban Society; and The Family, Work and Welfare in Britain and the United States.

**Plus:** Two optional modules from the extensive list within the school.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

## BA (Hons) Social Policy and Crime

UCAS code: LL43

### Entry requirements

ABB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

When you choose to study Social Policy and Crime, you will immerse yourself in fundamental social policy concerns and investigate specific social policies of governments and other agencies, assessing how such policies impact on people's day-to-day lives.

This course enables you to focus your study upon the fast-growing policy area of crime and gives you the opportunity to understand and critically appraise public policy in this area.

You will examine the social processes by which particular acts of behaviour, or particular social groups, become defined as deviant or criminal, and investigate the ways society seeks to control deviance and criminality.

You will also explore criminological theories, paying attention to issues of class, gender, 'race' and age. The course also covers the regulation of crime, the fear of crime, issues of crime prevention and community safety and policing.

### Year one

#### Compulsory modules

Deviance, Crime and Social Control; Sexuality, Subcultures and Stigma; Central Debates in Welfare; Social Welfare and Social Change; and Study Skills for Social Science.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year two

#### Compulsory modules

Sociology and Social Policy Research Methods; and Crime, Law and Regulation.

**Plus:** One module from the following: Globalization: Equality and Diversity; Disability Studies: An Introduction.

**Plus:** One module from the following: New Labour, Crime and Welfare; and Urban Disorders, Social Divisions and Social Control.

You will then study a further module from an extensive list in the school and a further elective module which can be taken from within or outside the school.

### Year three

#### Compulsory module

Dissertation in either Social Policy or Crime.

**Plus:** One module from the following: Approaches to Social Exclusion in Later Life; Housing in Urban Society; Discipline and Punish; The Family, Work and Welfare in Britain and the United States; Globalisation and the Sex Trade; Understanding Interpersonal Violence.

**Plus:** You will then study one more sociology module and one more crime module, and will select an elective module from either within or outside these subject areas.



# JOINT HONOURS



## BA Sociology and International Relations

**UCAS code: LL3F**

### Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

This course combines the study of two disciplines to create a unique and fascinating programme.

You will explore the organisation and structure of society, and examine the changing nature of human action. You will quickly engage with the complexity of society, and learn about the social, cultural, economic and political processes that shape human experience.

Alongside this strand of study, you will also investigate how states interact. You will analyse the way states behave and what obligations they may have to wider conceptions of international society.

You will explore the political dynamics that influence interstate cooperation, and assess the specific role that international organisations, such as the United Nations, play in promoting international peace and security. You also have the option to study terrorism, strategic studies, international political economy and conflict in the Middle East.

For more information on the joint honours programmes and a full list of modules available, please see our website [www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk)

## BA (Hons) Politics and Sociology

**UCAS code: LL32**

### Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

This course combines the study of sociology at the School of Sociology and Social Policy with the study of politics at the School of Politics and International Studies.

The course offers you the opportunity to engage with the complexity of society, and learn about the social, cultural, economic and political processes that shape human experience. You will explore the organisation and structure of society, and examine the changing nature of human action.

You will also study the main political theories that structure our political systems, the wider social forces that shape political life and gain a firm grounding in the institutions and practices of modern political systems.

You will examine British politics, and analyse international issues. You can explore the political systems of other countries, and track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day.

For more information on the joint honours programmes and a full list of modules available, please see our website [www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk)

## BA (Hons) Geography and Sociology

**UCAS code: LL37**

### Entry requirements

AAB grades at A-level, or equivalent. Including Geography at grade A, plus GCSE Mathematics grade C. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

This course combines the study of sociology at the School of Sociology and Social Policy with the study of geography at the School of Geography.

The course offers you the opportunity to engage with the complexity of society, and learn about the social, cultural, economic and political processes that shape human experience. You will explore the organisation and structure of society, and examine the changing nature of human action.

You will also investigate geodemographics, learn about the Geographical Information Systems that build spatial models of human geography, and investigate regional and urban planning.

You will also examine key themes in contemporary human geography, and explore ideas in political, urban, social and development geography.

For more information on the joint honours programmes and a full list of modules available, please see our website [www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk)



## BA (Hons) Politics and Social Policy

**UCAS code: LL42**

### Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

This course combines the study of Social Policy at the School of Sociology and Social Policy with the study of Politics at the School of Politics and International Studies.

This course gives you the opportunity to explore how governments deliver welfare to citizens, and examines how modern societies understand poverty, human need and equality.

You can immerse yourself in fundamental social policy concerns, and investigate specific social policies of governments and other agencies, assessing how such policies impact on people's day-to-day lives.

You will also study the main political theories that structure our political systems, the wider social forces that shape political life, and gain a firm grounding in the institutions and practices of modern political systems.

You will examine British politics, and analyse international issues. You can explore the political systems of other countries, and track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day.

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## BA (Hons) Geography and Social Policy

### UCAS code: LL47

Entry requirements: AAB grades at A-level, or equivalent. Including Geography at grade A, plus GCSE Mathematics grade C. See page 17 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

This course combines the study of Social Policy at the School of Sociology and Social Policy with the study of Geography at the School of Geography.

This course gives you the opportunity to explore how governments deliver welfare to citizens, and examines how modern societies understand poverty, human need and equality.

You can immerse yourself in fundamental social policy concerns, and investigate specific social policies of governments and other agencies, assessing how such policies impact on people's day-to-day lives.

You will examine key themes in contemporary human geography, and explore ideas in political, urban, social and development geography.

You will also investigate geodemographics, learn about the Geographical Information Systems that build spatial models of human geography, and investigate regional and urban planning.

### Year one

#### Compulsory modules

Changing Worlds, Changing Places; Geography of the UK; GIS for Human Geography; Central Debates in Welfare; Social Welfare and Social Change; and Introduction to IT for Humanities Students.

**Plus:** You will also study one elective module from within or outside the school.

### Year two

You will study a number of optional modules from the School of Sociology and Social Policy and the School of Geography. You will also select further elective modules from within or outside of these subjects.

### Year three

You will study a number of optional modules from the School of Sociology and Social Policy and the School of Geography. You will also select further elective modules from within or outside of these subjects.

## BA Social Science (Foundation course)

### UCAS code: L301

Entry requirements: Usually some evidence of prior study at GCSE level, such as Maths and English at grade C or equivalent, however this is flexible. We particularly welcome applications from mature students who don't meet the standard requirements. Applicants will be given the chance to demonstrate their ability through the interview.

### How to apply

Through UCAS (see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com))

*\*This course is not open to international/overseas students*

If you are keen to succeed at university and are aged 21 years or over and feel you missed out on education the first time around; or if you are aged 18–21 and feel that circumstances beyond your control have adversely affected your educational achievement, then the BA Social Science at the University of Leeds offers you the opportunity to realise your potential.

Successful completion of the first year of this programme will provide you with both the academic and practical skills required for successful undergraduate study and also access to the first year of a range of degree programmes within the Faculty of Education, Social Science and Law. Help and guidance on financing your studies is available.

For more information on the BA Social Science see [www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk)

## Access to Leeds Scheme

The University recognises that not all applicants are able to demonstrate their talents and potential as readily as others through grades alone. Access to Leeds is an alternative admissions scheme designed to help students whose personal circumstances may affect their ability to achieve the exam grades we would normally expect. All of our single honours and joint honours courses accept Access to Leeds applicants.

For more information on the Access to Leeds Scheme, including eligibility criteria see [www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L)

## International students

We welcome applications from students with international qualifications. International students apply in the same way as British students, through UCAS. All candidates whose first language is not English will need to gain an English language qualification. Our International Office regularly travels overseas to meet with prospective students to advise them about life as an international student in Leeds. To find out if we will be visiting your country visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/international/agents](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/international/agents)





# YOUR FINANCES

## Home and EU students

As a full or part-time student you'll be able to apply for a loan from the government to cover the full cost of the tuition with no up-front payment, provided you have not already studied a higher education course. If you are a UK or EU student, planning to come to Leeds in September 2012 our tuition fees will be £9,000\*, subject to government approval.

We will be able to confirm the fee in July 2011, but in the meantime keep checking the information on our website for the latest updates. [www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances)

\* Government approval is due in mid July 2011. We will apply annual increases to all fees in line with the amount set by the Government each year.

## Scholarships and Bursaries

### HOW LEEDS CAN HELP YOU

We're committed to encouraging students from all backgrounds. We expect that 1 in 3 will receive financial help from the University of Leeds for students with a household income of up to £42,600 per annum.

### CHOOSE YOUR FUNDING

We believe it is important that you are able to decide the type of support which best meets your needs, so we will enable our students to choose between:

- a partial tuition fee waiver or
- a discount on University owned accommodation or
- a bursary – a yearly cash award...

Some 6,000 students are expected to qualify for some form of financial support, from a maximum of £6,000 in year one and £3,000 in years two and three, with support going to those who need it most.

We'll provide a sliding scale of financial support for students from households up to £42,600 per year. You won't have to pay this money back.

**Our financial support is subject to government approval due in July 2011 but in the meantime to find out if you are eligible, it is crucial that you look at information on our website before you submit your UCAS application for entry to university in autumn 2012.**

## International students

Tuition fees for international students starting in 2011 were £11,800. These are expected to rise slightly for 2012 entry.

## What to do next...

Please keep up to date with details of the financial support available to you by checking our website regularly at [www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances) or look at government information at [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

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## School of Sociology and Social Policy

# WHY YOU'LL LOVE LEEDS

With over 200,000 students living in the city, Leeds has become a vibrant, thriving and lively place to live and learn, come here and it won't be long before you're calling it home.

At the heart of Yorkshire, Leeds is the second largest business, legal and finance sector in the UK and is one of the country's fastest growing cities. Rich in culture, history, arts and entertainment – it really is the place to be.

Because of our fantastic location, we can enjoy excellent communication and transport links which can take you all over the UK. With London and Edinburgh just two and a half hours by rail, and Leeds Bradford airport providing regular flights to major international destinations, nowhere is ever too far.

One of the UK's top shopping destinations, Leeds boasts over two miles of traffic-free shopping with over one thousand shops. Home to the exclusive Victoria Quarter, Harvey Nichols and every high street store you can think of, there is something for everyone.

The city hosts an eclectic mix of entertainment, with music and nightlife to suit all tastes. From street cafes to nightclubs, from stylish bars to award-winning restaurants, it won't disappoint.

Bursting with culture, Leeds is home to Opera North, The Grand Theatre, the Royal Armouries and a plethora of museums and art galleries – all this in one of the greenest cities in Britain, so close to the Yorkshire Dales.

## Guaranteed Accommodation

Because we think it's so important that you settle into your first year at University, all single, first year students who accept their place at Leeds are guaranteed accommodation. On campus and throughout the city, we have an impressive range of accommodation to cater for all budgets.

To find out more see [www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Visit us

One of the best ways to get a feel for the University and find out more is to visit us.

## University open days

Come along to attend talks on all of our programmes as well as accommodation, finance and much more. Take a tour of our halls of residence, students' union, sports centre and libraries and meet members of staff and current students. In 2012 there will be three open days; two in June and one in October.

Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/opensdays](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/opensdays).

## UNDERGRADUATE Degrees



## Sociology and Social Policy visit days

If you receive an offer from us through UCAS you will be invited to a visit day where you can find out more about the course and the school. This informal day offers you the opportunity to talk with staff and current students, tour the campus and accommodation and get a feel for the place.

## Campus tours

The University also organises a number of campus tours throughout the academic year. You will be guided around the campus by one of our current students and will have an opportunity to ask questions about the University.

Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/visitus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/visitus)

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