

Academic Year 2025/26

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and Sociology

UCAS Code: LL32 (3 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and Sociology (with Placement Year)

Internal Code: 1464U (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and Sociology (with International Study Year)

Internal Code: 1824U (4 years)

Notes

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Stage 1

- (a) Unless otherwise stated modules are not core.
- (b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POL1049	Power and Inequality: How to Study Global Politics ... and Change the World	20	20		4		
SOC1032	Politics and Society	20		20	4		

(c) All candidates shall take 40 credits from the Sociology modules listed below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SOC1027	Comparing Cultures: An Introduction to Anthropology	20	20		4		
SOC1030	The Sociological Imagination: An Introduction to the Discipline	20	20		4		
SOC1031	Knowing in Sociology: An Introduction to Theory, Methods and Epistemology	20		20	4		
SOC1033	Understanding Everyday Life	20		20	4		
SOC1034	Investigating Inequalities and Crime	20	20		4		

(d) All candidates shall take 40 credits from the Politics modules listed below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POL1015	UK Politics: Westminster and Beyond	20		20	4		
POL1032	Key Concepts in International Politics	20		20	4		
POL1046	Order and Disorder: The Shaping of the 21st Century	20	20		4		
POL1050	Politics of Happiness	20	20		4		
POL1051	State, People and Politics: Comparative Politics in a Globalised World	20		20	4		

2. Stage 2

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SOC2069	Researching Social Life	20	20		5		

(b) All candidates planning to do a Dissertation in Sociology in Stage 3 shall take the following compulsory module as a pre-requisite:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SOC2070	This is How We Do It: Sociology Research Design and Proposal	20		20	5		

(c) All candidates shall select Politics modules to the value of 60 credits from the list below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POL2012	Politics of the Middle East	20		20	5		
POL2017‡	Becoming a Political Researcher	20		20	5		
POL2022	Government and Politics of the USA	20	20		5		
POL2034	The Politics and Policy of the European Union	20	20		5		
POL2035	Power and Poverty in the Global Economy	20	20		5		
POL2046	A Global History of Political Thought	20		20	5		
POL2082	Political Violence and the Modern State	20	20		5		
POL2090	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy	20	20		5		
POL2096*	Politics Work Placement	20	10	10	5		
POL2106	Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies	20	20		5		
POL2111	Democracy or Autocracy? What are the differences and how do we analyse them	20		20	5		
POL2113	Sex, Gender and Power	20		20	5		
POL2114	The Global Politics of Race	20		20	5		
POL2310	International Organisations and Diplomacy	20	20		5		

**Module cannot be combined with NCL2007. See (e) below. Placement opportunities will be guided by national and institutional policy at the time*

‡ Discuss with the Degree Programme Director before selecting this module.

(d) Candidates who select SOC2070 shall select modules to the value of 20 credits from the list of Sociology optional modules below. Candidates who do not select SOC2070 shall select Sociology modules to the value of 40 credits from the list below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SOC2027	Being Human: debates, questions and conversations in anthropology	20		20	5		
SOC2044	Sociology of Crime: Social Control in Neoliberal Societies	20	20		5		
SOC2058	Theorising Social Worlds	20	20		5		
SOC2085	Refugees and Displacement: Borders, Camps, and Asylum	20		20	5		
SOC2181	Exploring city life: urban studies in action	20	20		5		

- (e) Candidates may substitute 20 credits of Politics optional module *or* 20 credits of Sociology optional module for NCL2007 (Career Development). Candidates electing to take NCL2007 must have the remainder of their Politics/Sociology credit split for Stages 2 and 3 approved by the Degree Programme Director.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NCL2007	Career Development for second year students	20	10	10	5		

- (f) Note: not all of the above modules above will be offered every year. The total credit weighting selected for Stage 2 must equal 120 credits.

3. Year 3 (Placement Year)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year in a placement with an approved organisation. Permission to undertake a placement is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete the placement year.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NCL3000	Careers Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6		

Placement opportunities will be guided by governmental and institutional policy at the time.

4. Year 3 (International Study year)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year at an international partner institution. Students must undertake all pre-departure requirements prior to study abroad. Students will be able to select from a range of modules offered by their host university, in doing so they must agree on an overall selection of modules with the Degree Programme Director and take the approximate equivalent of 120 credits (60 ECTS). Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their international study year until they have done so. Students must pass their Stage 2 modules before they can begin their international study abroad year.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ISY3000	International Study Year Module	120	60	60	6		

5. Stage 3

(a) All candidates must take ONE of the following designated modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POL3046	Final Year Dissertation	40	20	20	6		
POL3103	Community-based Research in Politics	40	20	20	6		
SOC3097*	Dissertation in Sociology*	40	20	20	6		

* In order to take *Dissertation in Sociology (SOC3097)* students **must** have completed *SOC2070*. *Dissertation in Politics (POL3046)* does not have a pre-requisite.

(b) Candidates selecting SOC3097 shall select modules to the value of 60 credits from the list of Politics optional modules below. Candidates selecting POL3046 shall select modules to the value of 20 credits from the list below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POL3050	The Ethics of Killing	20	20		6		
POL3053	Political Leadership in Britain	20	20		6		
POL3055	Who and why votes for far right? Using data for political analysis	20	20		6		
POL3092	Political Parties and Elections in the UK	20		20	6		
POL3117	Politics of Immigration	20		20	6		
POL3125	Politics of Citizenship	20		20	6		
POL3128	Gender and Sexuality Politics in the Middle East	20		20	6		
POL3132	Public Policy: Theories, Cases, Skills	20	20		6		
POL3133	Politics as a Way of Life	20		20	6		
POL3134	Public Policy Placement	20		20	6		
POL3135	Power and Policy: Understanding Impact	20	20		6		
POL3339	Global Justice and Human Rights	20	20		6		

(c) Candidates taking SOC3097 shall select modules to the value of 20 credits from the following list of Sociology optional modules. Candidates taking POL3046 shall select modules to the value of 60 credits from the following list:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SOC3027	Being Human: Debates, Questions and Conversations in Anthropology	20		20	6		
SOC3045	Regulating Sexuality	20	20		6		

SOC3047	Critical Approaches to Policing and Security	20		20	6		
SOC3049	States of Mind: Sociology and Mental Health	20		20	6		
SOC3077	Who Counts as a Person and Why Does It Matter? Questioning Personhood with Anthropology	20		20	6		
SOC3081	Exploring city life: urban studies in action	20	20		6		
SOC3090	Investigating the Body	20	20		6		
SOC3094	Class in Everyday Life	20	20		6		

(d) Note: not all of the above modules will be offered every year

(e) SOC3085 (Exchange module) allows students to study in semester 1 of Stage 3 in a European university where they will take modules that count towards their final degree and begin work on their dissertation. Students wishing to take this module must indicate their interest in Stage 2, and must discuss their Stage 3 Politics/Sociology credit split with the Degree Programme Director before it can be confirmed.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SOC3085	Student Exchange	40	40		6		

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director, alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

(f) Students who have completed SOC2027 in Stage 2 of their degree will not be able to select SOC3027 in Stage 3. Students who have completed SOC2181 in Stage 2 of their degree will not be able to select SOC3081 in Stage 3.

6. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

7. Degree classification

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2 and 3 with the weighting of the stages being 1:2 for Stage 2 and Stage 3 respectively.

8. Degree title

Candidates who choose to take part in the Placement Year/Year Abroad shall be transferred onto the four year version of the programme and graduate with one of the following:

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