

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology at Westminster is a dynamic and contemporary subject, taught in a stimulating and international learning environment. Staff are dedicated and passionate about high-quality teaching and research and this is reflected in our consistently excellent student satisfaction ratings in the National Student Survey. The sociology courses offer an exceptional range of optional modules that allow you to explore and develop specialist interests and to cultivate highly valued graduate skills in writing, thinking, presentation and communication.

Teaching and learning

Our sociology courses take London, with its ever-changing cultures, institutions and people, as an inspiration and subject for your study. Whether it is the workings of the Old Bailey or the BBC, the origins of street art, or patterns of migration to the East End, we provide you with the tools to conduct your own hands-on social research in one of the most exciting cities in the world. You will be taught by active researchers who are committed to challenging social injustice and whose innovative books and articles are helping to set the global sociological agenda. Our friendly and supportive teaching team will provide you with first-class training in critical thought and data analysis with a variety of assessment formats to suit different learning styles. You will also have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester during your studies.

Employability

All sociology students have the opportunity to do a credit-bearing work experience module, allowing you to put into practice the skills developed in your studies. Our students graduate with the knowledge and expertise that gives them a competitive advantage in a wide range of graduate careers, including in the charitable and NGO sector, education, government, journalism and media, management, social and youth work, and academic research. The combined degree in Sociology and Criminology enables you to be sufficiently specialised in criminology to enter professions connected to the criminal justice system, but also benefit from the broader careers available to sociologists.

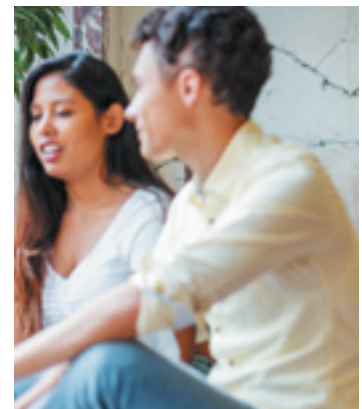
Foundation pathway

We offer Foundations as a route onto some of our undergraduate programmes. For module information and any further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/foundation-courses

See also: Criminology p84 • History p106 • Politics, International Relations and Development p148



95% of our Sociology graduates are in work or further study within six months of graduating



Social spaces and new lecture theatre at Regent Campus

Data taken from [unistats.ac.uk](https://www.unistats.ac.uk) in December 2018



SOCIOLOGY FOUNDATION YEAR

UCAS code:

- Sociology with Foundation L302

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – DEE/CDD; International Baccalaureate – 24 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MPP; BTEC Diploma – MM/DM. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

Our degree courses with Foundation year offer the opportunity to prepare you for advanced study before you progress onto a full honours degree at the University of Westminster. Whether you do not feel ready for degree-level study, don't have the right qualifications, want to change your subject specialism or return to study after an absence from education, we aim to encourage a broad range of students to undertake our Foundation year in order to progress onto their full honours degree with us.

The Foundation year is designed to give you the opportunity to explore new ideas, opening up new perspectives on the key debates within your chosen field. Core modules accelerate your academic and professional development and you will also take modules from areas closely related to your chosen field, giving you the chance to develop a cross-disciplinary perspective on your course.

On successful completion of the Foundation year, you will be able to move on to the first year of the Sociology BA Honours degree.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/sociology

SOCIOLOGY BA Honours

Length of course: Three years full-time; four years part-time

UCAS code: L300

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – CCC/BBB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – DD/D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page:

westminster.ac.uk/sociology



Studying Sociology at Westminster means never thinking about society in the same way again. Whether it is understanding how we define ourselves through consumption, examining changing gender identities or considering religion's role in secular society, the nature of social structures and their impact on people's everyday lives is central to the course. We consider questions of how power is exercised and normalised at all levels of society, from the state to the family to individual emotions. Through your studies you will gain a sensitive understanding of diversity as well as a keen self-awareness and ability to make sense of your own place in society.

The course starts with a broad introduction to social theory and contemporary sociological debates. In the second and third years you will develop your theoretical knowledge and expertise in research and choose option modules from the range of specialist topics available.

"I had an amazing experience studying at Westminster. One of the things that I valued most at Westminster was the support and friendliness of the teaching staff; you build great relationships over the three years, with lecturers and personal tutors in particular."

Mehreen Khan
Sociology BA Honours, graduate
Nationality: British

SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY BA Honours

Length of course: Three years full-time; four years part-time

UCAS code: LM39

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – CCC/BBB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – DD/D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page:

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Immigration, crime, social injustice and youth unemployment make headline news almost daily. If you want to understand how societal structures impact on people's everyday lives and interactions, or how criminal justice relates to social justice, then you should consider studying sociology and criminology. Combined, these two disciplines develop your sociological and criminological imagination and answer questions about society and its various institutions.

Each year you will take core modules that provide you with the key concepts and theories in each of your disciplines, as well as dedicated combined-discipline modules. Your other modules are chosen from the wide range of options. Subjects include the psychology of crime, youth culture, leisure in London and everything in-between.

"Friendly and dedicated lectures support you to become the best version of yourself. Joint honours Sociology and Criminology lectures encourage you to think outside the box and challenge theories that are being presented to you in order to further develop your own understanding."

Roshan Johnson
Sociology and Criminology BA Honours, student
Nationality: British

