

SOCIOLOGY

As a sociology student at the University of Westminster you will be studying a dynamic and contemporary course in a stimulating and international learning environment. Sociology staff are dedicated, supportive and passionate about high-quality teaching and research and this is reflected in our excellent student satisfaction rates. Our Sociology BA Honours course received a 100 per cent overall student satisfaction rating in the 2015 National Student Survey. Sociology offers an exceptional range of option 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

Located at our Regent Campus, 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 origins of East End street art, 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 whose innovative books and articles are helping to set the global sociological agenda. Our friendly and supportive teaching team will train you in critical thought and analysis and enable you to develop the graduate skills valued by employers. Modules offer a range of specialist topics with a variety of assessment formats to suit different learning styles, from essays and exams to portfolios, presentations and projects. 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 personal and professional 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.

See also: Criminology p88 • History p110 • Politics, International Relations & Development p154



100%
of our students
were satisfied
overall with
their sociology
course

Data from NSS 2015

Social spaces and new lecture theatre at Regent Campus

SOCIOLOGY BA HONOURS

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

UCAS code: L300

Campus: Regent (See p26)

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM (an additional A Level Grade B may be required, depending on the BTEC subject)/Diploma DM with A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject. See also entry requirements on p197.



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 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.

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

"I am very pleased that I chose to study at the University of Westminster. The modules are up-to-date with current events, and I was inspired throughout my course, from the beginning until the end of my last year – I always looked forward to the next lecture."

Virginia San Pedro
Sociology BA Honours (part-time),
2014

SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY BA HONOURS

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

UCAS code: LM39

Campus: Regent (See p26)

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM (an additional A Level Grade B may be required, depending on the BTEC subject)/Diploma DM with A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject. See also entry requirements on p197.



Immigration, human trafficking, social injustice and youth unemployment are concerns that make headline news almost daily. If you want to understand what's behind the headlines – why migration may be linked to global inequalities, or what the role of social media in protest movements is – then the Sociology and Criminology BA Honours will allow you a unique insight into these central social issues. Combined, these two disciplines answer questions about the many ways society and crime shape and influence each other.

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 remaining modules are chosen from the wide range of options; subjects include the psychology of crime, youth culture, leisure in London and everything in between.

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FACTS & FIGURES

80% of Sociology and Criminology students are in work or further study six months after graduation.

(DLHE data)

