

MA Sociology



Programme Overview

Interested in social change? This postgraduate programme in Sociology aims to redefine how we think about society in the context of capitalism and globalisation and the ways we can contribute to actively creating change.

Our courses encourage the students to develop an ability to visualise new political realities while exploring the topics of social divisions and inequality, and their links to political economy. We aim to facilitate an understanding of intersections between class, gender, race, and disability in relation to the latest scholarly developments in Marxist, feminist and postcolonial theory. Our ethos is not only related to creating a learning environment in which the students can make sense of current political turbulence experienced globally, but we also strive to create new knowledge in interaction with our cohorts. Being a part of our MA programme means working and interacting with lecturers, who are experts in their respective fields and becoming a part of our vibrant research community.

With a strong focus on research, this course enables our students to develop the central skills required to analyse, understand and critically evaluate a variety of sociological issues. The programme benefits from the knowledge and teaching skills of research active colleagues across the School of Social Sciences and is therefore a strong example of authentic interdisciplinary teaching. We provide students with an opportunity to thoroughly explore and critique the most recent developments and scholarship in the discipline and to communicate this experience to others through an extended, supervised research project, designed to spark further development within the chosen fields. Our ethos is not only related to creating a teaching environment in which the students can make sense of current political turbulence experienced globally, but we also strive to create new knowledge which might contribute to global efforts at creating social change.

Key Information

Award: MA Sociology

Study Mode: Full-time; Part-time.

Duration: 12 months full-time; 27 months part-time.

Intake: September and January

Entry Criteria: A minimum of a Second-Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline awarded by a UK university, or an equivalent higher education qualification.

For students whose first language is not English there is a language requirement of IELTS 6.0 overall (reading 5.5, writing 5.5). In addition to this, we also accept a wide range of International Qualifications.

Fees and Funding: For tuition fee information, please go to the Student Finance pages at www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding

How to Apply: For details on the application process visit: www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply

School: Social Sciences.

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Why choose Liverpool Hope?

- Ability to shape own studies – You will have the possibility to develop your own ideas and research interests, collect and analyse original data and participate in small group work and presentations. This work culminates in the opportunity to produce a final original dissertation project.
- Expert teaching and learning - Liverpool Hope University's academic faculty has considerable teaching and research experience both in the UK and internationally. You will benefit from the knowledge of academics, professionals and practitioners within the discipline.
- Focused learning in small class settings - Students will have the benefit of focused teaching from dedicated specialists in a small group setting.
- Exciting new programme based on latest developments in the discipline - Liverpool Hope University's MA Sociology has been written with a contemporary curriculum in mind ensuring that you gain the most up-to-date knowledge. This is a vibrant and exciting new post-graduate development in an up-and-coming Research-focused school.
- Career development - Liverpool Hope University is renowned for its first class student support and career development. You will have a dedicated tutor available for one-to-one guidance on learning, academic writing and career planning.

Curriculum

The programme consists of four modules and a dissertation (final research project) totalling 180 credits. Assessment methods will vary and may include academic essays, reports, presentations and examinations, research proposals and a research dissertation.

Courses

- **Advanced Social Theory (30 credits):** You will engage with, evaluate and critically analyse a range of classical and contemporary social theory, with a focus on theoretical

explanations of social change in the areas of economic relations, political ideologies, and patterns of political domination.

- **Advanced Research for Social Change (30 credits):** This module adopts an innovative pedagogical approach, which combines a study of research philosophies with practical exercises, thereby providing insights into strategies and experiences acquired by social scientists at Liverpool Hope. Here, you will learn about a diverse range of innovative research techniques and become equipped with the skills to design a high-quality research dissertation.
- **Contemporary Inequalities (30 credits):** This module explores postcolonial approaches to the study of race and identity. The students will learn about how race intersects with gender and class and how these intersections are represented in the media. We will investigate the mechanisms of stigma and stereotyping of minority groups and their role in reproducing social exclusion and injustice.
- **The State, Power and Social Change (30 credits):** This module examines the sociological study of political action. It covers key theories of democracy, globalisation, social movements and citizenship, while drawing on and applying concepts of power and ideology. The course investigates social change and asks whether we are moving into a post-democratic age, and what this means for human societies and how power is constituted within them.
- **Dissertation/Research Project (60 credits):** The focus of the research project will be on an issue of relevance to the study of sociology. The study can involve the collection of primary data or a literature-based dissertation.

Teaching and Research

All classes are held at Liverpool Hope University's main campus, Hope Park. The campus is situated just four miles from the city centre and offers superb academic and support facilities, including on-campus library, free computer and wi-fi access, and a careers service for advice on parttime work opportunities and poststudy careers.

The School of Social Sciences brings together, and provides synergies between, a wide range of disciplines - including Sociology and allied specialisms such as Criminology, Social Policy, Disability Studies, Childhood & Youth, Social Work, and Health & Wellbeing/Social Care.

We are a growing School with a diverse and enthusiastic team of staff who are research active and have published on a wide variety of topics. For more information about the School and the research interests of its staff, please visit our webpages at: www.hope.ac.uk/socialsciences/

Future Career Opportunities

The MA Sociology will enhance the career development and prospects of entering occupations such as social work, public sector welfare work, probation service, teaching, journalism, local and national government, social research, charity/voluntary sector, campaigning and non-governmental organisations. Graduates will also have developed the skills in research and communication and in critical and flexible thinking that are sought after by a wide range of employers. This post-graduate qualification would enable graduates to embark on a research degree or PhD programme.



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