

Sociology BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: L300 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Contemporary society is becoming ever more complex and the need to understand how it works is increasingly important. Sociology is the study of how society is organised, how this influences the attitudes and behaviour of individuals and the impact this has on social relationships both within and between societies. Accordingly, sociology is now commonly regarded as an essential discipline for understanding the development of all modern societies. The Sociology degree at Liverpool Hope will help you to think critically and constructively about the key questions relating to modern society.

Our sociology degree is based around a core that provides inputs from social theory and from the comparison of different forms of society. The degree will help you to examine 'common-sense' assumptions about the world by exploring the issues that confront society nationally and globally and studying the theories and methods that help to explain and understand these issues. It also examines and evaluates the methods of research which make the study of society possible. The degree enables you to study a range of additional topics which cover the whole spectrum of sociological inquiry.

Staff are enthusiastic and dedicated and will help you to get the most out of your degree. In line with Liverpool Hope's commitment to social justice both nationally and internationally, Sociology attempts to understand social issues and problems that confront the modern world and, in so doing challenges received wisdom.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2025/2026 are £9,535 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you also need approximately £100 to purchase core textbooks.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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Sociology BA (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

Your first year of study provides you with a comprehensive introduction to sociology and will encourage you to 'think like a sociologist' by helping you to develop the knowledge and skills needed to foster critical understanding of the social world and our place within it.

You will study:

- Foundations in Sociology
- Social Identities and Inequalities
- Social Institutions
- Understanding Social Change

If you are studying Sociology as a Single Honours degree, you will also study:

- Applied Social Sciences

Here you will be introduced to a wide variety of issues and approaches from across the Social Sciences.

You will study the following:

- Histories
- Cultural Representations
- 'Isms'...
- Deconstructing Scientific Knowledge.

Year Two

In your second year, building upon the first, you will develop an understanding and working knowledge of leading theoretical frameworks in sociology, alongside key approaches to research methods, and the links between them.

You will study:

- Key Thinkers
- Social Research in Action

If you are studying Sociology as a Single Honours degree, you will also study:

- Gender and Sexuality
- Class in the 21st Century
- The Problem of Race
- Religion and Society.

Year Three

The third year of study involves developing an advanced understanding of social processes and issues within contemporary society.

You will study:

- Advanced Research Courses

You will also have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of specialist courses that reflect the research interests of staff within the School of Social Sciences.

Subject to availability, these may include courses in the following areas: social aspects of death and dying, the sociology of stories/story-telling, gender and migration, critiques of contemporary capitalism, poverty and precarious employment, corporate power, health inequalities, and many others besides.

- Dissertation
- Advanced Studies in Sociology.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials. You will also have workshops, guided reading activities and use the University's Virtual Learning Environment. You will also have the opportunity to go on a number of fieldtrips, and to meet regularly with your personal tutor.

If you are studying Sociology as a Single Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second year and 8 teaching hours in your third year. If you are studying Sociology as part of a Combined Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 6 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second year and 4 teaching hours in your third year.

On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments that you may have.

In your third year you will be expected to attend one-to-one meetings with your dissertation supervisor.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study, you will have a number of assessments, including essays, portfolios, reports, individual and group presentations. In your final year, you will also complete a dissertation research project on a topic of your choice.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in detail.



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