

# Sociology BA (Hons)

**UCAS Code: L300 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027**

Placement year opportunities available



## Course Overview

Sociology is the study of how society is organised. It looks at how this organisation influences individual attitudes and behaviors. It also examines the impact on social relationships within and between societies. Sociology studies both the current state of the social world and its changes. It explores how people can create positive change.

This degree promotes critical thinking on key issues. These include inequalities, climate change, feminism, social media, AI, racism, poverty, and social justice. You will gain the knowledge and skills to become a change-maker.

Our Sociology degree combines social theory, research methods, and comparisons of different societies. It helps you question common-sense assumptions by addressing personal, local, national, and global issues. You'll gain real-world experience in applying theory and using research methods. You can also focus on social issues that interest you through individual projects.

In line with Liverpool Hope's commitment to social justice, Sociology seeks to understand modern social issues. It challenges conventional wisdom and emphasises the need for change. Graduates can pursue careers in various industries that require strong interpersonal, research, and creative skills.

## 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 2026/2027 are £9,790 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](http://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.

### Big Ideas in Sociology

You will explore some of the major ideas and issues in society today by developing your sociological toolkit. You will learn how to develop and apply a sociological imagination and engage with major debates, such as whether it is agency or structure that shapes society.

### Social Divisions

In Semester 2, we examine some of the major social divisions that feature in contemporary society. Focus is placed on key divisions including social class, race/ethnicity, gender, and disability.

Single honours students also study two Faculty of Education and Social Sciences common core modules - 'Being Human' and 'Education and Society'.

## 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.

### Key Thinkers

You will explore key thinkers from the classical sociological tradition. This part of the course examines the lasting contributions of classical-era thinkers to understanding contemporary social issues in the 21st century.

### Social Research in Action

This part of the course introduces the qualitative tradition of research within sociology, through which sociologists study the social world.

## Year Three

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

### Advanced Research Courses

You will have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of specialist courses reflecting the research interests of staff within the School of Social Sciences. These may include courses in areas such as the social aspects of death and dying, the sociology of stories/story-telling, gender and migration, critiques of contemporary capitalism, and many others.

### Research Project

You will conduct independent research on a sociological topic of your choice. This project will be undertaken under the supervision and guidance of a member of the sociology team.

### Advanced Studies in Sociology

Alongside your independent research project, you will learn from the experiences of established researchers how to conduct social research. You will be supported in developing your project idea, conducting a literature review, navigating practical and ethical issues, analysing data, writing up your research, and completing your dissertation.

If you are studying Sociology as a single honours degree, you will study a range of themes related to real-world issues across social sciences and education. Single honours students will also undertake a full dissertation.

## 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.

You are expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group activities or assessments.

In your third year, you will also attend one-to-one meetings with your dissertation supervisor, who will guide you through the process of conducting an independent research project on a topic of your choice within sociology.

## 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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