

Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

Current published course related information		
Course title	Sociology and Social Policy	No Change
Award level	BSc - Single honours only	No Change
How do you want to study?		
Start Date	Sept 2020	No Change
Modes of study	Full-time Part-time	No Change
Duration	3 years full-time 6 years part-time	No Change
UCAS code	LL34	No Change
Location	Canterbury	No Change
Partner institution	N/A	No Change
Available with a Foundation Year	Yes	No Change
Overview		
	<p>Understand how societies attempt to meet the needs of their populations at different points in time with our stimulating and innovative degree.</p> <p>As well as gaining a deep, practical understanding of social policy, you'll engage with a range of intellectual traditions and social science disciplines and apply your knowledge to the study of current policies.</p> <p>You'll gain an appreciation of the impact of social factors on people's lives and the dynamics involved in the making of social policies and build transferable skills that employers value, such as critical and analytical thinking, and effective communication.</p>	No Change
Why study Sociology and Social Policy?		
	Combining the study of sociology and social policy enables you to build an understanding of how societies attempt to meet the needs of their populations at different points in time.	Due to a range of restrictions imposed by the government as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the teaching in 2020-21 will consist of a mixture of

	<p>If you want to stretch your sociological imagination then this is the course for you. From early on, you'll gain a broad understanding of key issues, theories and developments in sociology and social policy. This will help you later on in the course when you'll combine your knowledge of social policy with practical skills in order to critically assess the ways that societies provide for the needs of their members.</p> <p>You'll have opportunities to learn in innovative ways and express your views through debates. Guest speakers will also contribute to the course, providing you with valuable opportunities to hear expert opinions and connect with professionals. We have previously welcomed leading sociologists such as Anthony Giddens, Mike Savage and Frank Furedi, who have spoken on contemporary issues.</p> <p>You'll learn about and engage with a range of issues, historical developments and intellectual approaches, while developing academic and transferable skills that will prepare you for professional employment and lifelong personal development. In addition, you'll gain an understanding of the importance of robust evidence and careful theorising to make sense of the social world in which you live and work.</p> <p>During your final year, you'll be able to demonstrate your knowledge and expertise by undertaking research for your independent study.</p>	<p>online recorded sessions, online live sessions and a number of face to face sessions for small groups of students. For health and safety reasons, face to face sessions will be small group sessions, limited in number and are subject to the government restrictions. Note that the involvement of guest speakers is dependent on their availability to engage during the coronavirus pandemic.</p>
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Entry requirements	A typical offer would be 88-112 UCAS Tariff points.	No Change
About the course		
	<p>Throughout this course you'll study core modules and will be able to select optional modules where you'll focus on topics that most interest you.</p> <p>You'll start by studying core modules that cover essential sociological and social policy material. They will enable you to gain a thorough, systematic knowledge and understanding of human social life, and the skills to think as a sociologist.</p> <p>As you progress through the degree, you'll continue studying core modules where you'll explore sociology and social policy in more depth and you'll choose from optional modules in areas such as citizenship and protest, crime, deviance and law, globalisation and the environment.</p> <p>A significant part of Year 3 is the Individual Study module where you'll consolidate and deepen your sociological knowledge and understanding through autonomous work.</p>	No Change
Module information		
Please note that the list of optional modules and their availability may be subject to change. We continually review and where appropriate, revise the range of modules on offer to reflect changes in the subject and ensure the best student experience. Modules will vary when studied in combination with another subject.		
Core year 1		
	<p>Introduction to Social Policy Core module/single honours only - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will introduce you to the history of social policy, alongside the intellectual approaches that have informed policy developments from the early twentieth century to the present day. You will explore the links between theoretical analysis and empirical enquiry by analysing a range of contemporary issues, such as health and health promotion, education, work and unemployment, housing, ageing, child care, youth and disability.</p>	No Change
	Case Studies in Social Policy	No Change

	<p>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll explore social policy research methods, historical and theoretical developments, and policy making processes as they relate to the themes and topics discussed in the Introduction to Social Policy module. You'll gain in-depth knowledge, which you'll be able to begin to apply to the study of social policy in practice.</p>	
	<p>Becoming a Sociologist Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This introductory module will give you the grounding you need to be an effective sociology undergraduate. You will be introduced to a variety of key substantive sociological topics, such as order and deviance, material inequality and social class, gender and the family, race and ethnicity. Additionally, this module will allow you to acquire a range of key undergraduate learning skills, to help you make the transition into Higher Education smoothly and successfully.</p>	No Change
	<p>Thinking Sociologically Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module builds on the knowledge and understanding you will have gained in semester 1 to explore the distinctive ways of thinking and looking at the world that characterise sociology – sociological theories and concepts. It also explores sociology's own history, how this influences sociological perspectives, and how sociology might adapt as we move into the future.</p>	No Change
	<p>Doing Social Research Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This is an introduction to key research methodologies, which both complements the conceptual material covered in Thinking Sociologically, and prepares students for the optional Research Skills module in Year 2 (Level 5). This module will enable you to appreciate the interdependent relationship between theory and research, the ethical dimensions of research, and the part they play in the research process.</p>	No Change
	<p>Theorising Citizenship</p>	No Change

	<p>Core module/single honours only - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will explore the notion of citizenship by reviewing a number of relevant theoretical traditions and related socio-political concepts, and their connections to social policy.</p>	
Optional year 1		
	N/A	
Core year 2		
	<p>Welfare and Wellbeing Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to promote an enhanced understanding of the institutions involved in the development and implementation of social policies, how these have developed over time, and the themes, issues and debates surrounding them. You will explore the construction of social problems, in different historical periods and different national contexts.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.
	<p>Growing Up in Society Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will explore the sociologies of education, families and generations. Through a critical exploration of primary and secondary socialisation, you will develop your understanding of the systematic connections between individuals and social and cultural forces and processes.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.
	<p>Space, Place and Social Exclusion Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll examine social diversity and social exclusion, extending what you will have learned in earlier modules. The assessment for this module has been designed to give you the opportunity to develop key skills for work as well as university study. In conjunction with a local employer, you will be assigned a 'live brief' problem to solve, and you will engage with qualitative, quantitative and digital data sources.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.
	<p>Power/Knowledge? Re: Thinking Sociologically</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.

	<p>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This is a core module for single honours students. It is available as an optional module for combined honours students.</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop your conceptual and reflexive abilities, with focus on 'European Enlightenment'. You will explore late modern social theory and contrasting forms of social thought, in relation to associated debates concerning science, truth, knowledge and power.</p>	
	<p>Work, Self and Society Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This is a core module for single honours students. It is available as an optional module for combined honours students.</p> <p>In this module, you will explore major perspectives from the sociology of work, and how these intersect with other key sociological themes such as class, gender, technology, culture and personal identity. There will be a focus on employability and you will take part in work shadowing as part of your assessment.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22. If coronavirus affects modules in 2021-22, and volunteering placements are not possible, the assessment for this module will involve reflection of your previous experience of paid work or work experience.</p>
Optional year 2		
	<p>Citizenship and Protest Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop an informed understanding of the active practice of citizenship in contemporary Britain, building on relevant concepts and theories. You will explore how empowered citizenship relates to structural disadvantage and individual and collective agency.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.</p>
	<p>Crime, Deviance and Law Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Building on earlier discussions of social order and deviance from Year 1, you will develop an understanding of the role of law in constructing, maintaining and challenging narratives of crime and deviance in specific socio-historical contexts. This module will help to prepare you for a career in policing, criminal justice or local government.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.</p>
	<p>Research Skills: Quantitative and Qualitative</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this</p>

	<p>Data Analysis Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Building on the earlier Doing Social Research module, you will develop an in-depth appreciation of the strengths and limitations of various approaches to social research. You'll learn how to apply quantitative and qualitative research methods in practice, often working in conjunction with a local community organisation.</p>	<p>module until 2021-22.</p>
	<p>Social Psychology of People and Groups Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>With a focus on group dynamics, this module will allow you to develop a knowledge and understanding of social psychology, and of how the discipline relates to the other social sciences.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.</p>
	<p>Sociology of Sport Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will critically examine key issues in sport, both nationally and globally, in relation to key sociological themes such as gender, disability, race, body image, violence, and crime. You will also explore legal and ethical issues in sport, such as doping.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2021-22.</p>
<p>Core year 3</p>		
	<p>Comparative Social Policy Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll explore the ways in which different societies have attempted to tackle social problems and inequalities at different points in history. You will analyse the impact of policy developments within national and cross-national contexts. You will also engage with core theoretical approaches and more recent policy trends and intellectual developments to understand: the evolution of welfare systems within distinct national contexts; the cross-national diffusion of welfare models and policy developments; and the ways in which welfare systems have changed over time to meet the demands of a globalised world.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.</p>

	<p>Colonial Worlds, Decolonial Sociology Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Building on the sociological understandings explored in the Year 2 and 3 core modules, this module aims to critically explore how different axes of difference and disadvantage intersect, and are located in relation to specific social, political, cultural and economic processes, at a global level.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.</p>
	<p>Gender, Sexuality and Modernity Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will explore the complex relationships between gender, sexuality, identity, desire and power in (patriarchal, colonial, capitalist) modernity. You will engage with classic and contemporary debates at both the substantive and theoretical levels.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.</p>
	<p>Individual Study Core module/single honours only - (20 or 40 Credits)</p> <p>All students must undertake the Individual Study, but can choose from three different formats.</p> <p>The 20 credit Individual Study aims to consolidate and deepen your sociological knowledge and understanding through autonomous work. Working with a designated supervisor, you will be required to define, design and execute an in-depth, literature based, study of your own choice. This module normally runs in Semester 2, except for students who have selected the Citizenship and Community option, who must take it across both semesters.</p> <p>The 40 credit Individual Study is similar to the 20 credit version, in that you will work with a supervisor to define, design and undertake autonomous, literature based research on a topic of your choice. However, these projects will be more conceptually/theoretically focused than the 20 credit studies, and you will pursue your analyses to a greater degree of detail and sophistication. This module runs across both semesters, and is good preparation if</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.</p>

	<p>you are considering postgraduate studies.</p> <p>You may register for a combination of two linked modules, Individual Research Design (Semester 1) and Individual Empirical Research (Semester 2)*. Together, these two modules give you the opportunity to engage in 40 credits worth of individual empirical study. Working with a supervisor, in Individual Research Design, you will produce a viable research proposal, including a literature review and detailed methodology, on a topic of your choice. In Individual Empirical Research, you will undertake the research project in semester 1, and produce a research report.</p> <p>* You must pass Individual Research Design in Semester 1 to be able to complete Individual Empirical Research in Semester 2.</p>	
Optional year 3		
	<p>Citizenship and Community (prerequisites apply) Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will research, identify and negotiate a volunteering placement in a community setting. You'll then use the knowledge you have gained in class, and through independent research, to reflect on your experience. Please note: it is likely that you will need to secure Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearances in order to take up your volunteering position, and you may need to meet any associated costs. Students who take this module must also take a 20 credit Individual Study.</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.</p>
	<p>Contemporary Controversies Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Sociology is not a static discipline, but must constantly adapt and apply its distinctive perspectives and insights to emergent, 'live' issues. In this module you will get the opportunity to explore a contemporary, sociologically relevant issue in-depth, grounded in current staff research. As such, the content of the module will vary from year to year depending on what 'live' issue is being studied. You will be advised of the details of each year's offer at the end of</p>	<p>No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.</p>

	Year 2 (Level 5) so you can make an informed choice as to whether you'd like to take this module.	
	<p>Globalisation and the Environment Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will explore contemporary and historical aspects of globalisation, with a focus on the economic, political and cultural dimensions. You will go on to consider how these impact on current environmental concerns, and how such debates can be theorised and conceptualised.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.
	<p>Medical Power and Knowledge Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Medical sociology – the largest sociological sub-discipline - provides an analytical context for understanding health, illness and health care. Drawing on the wealth of empirical and theoretical work within this sub-discipline, you will explore medical practice and institutions, the production of what counts as medical knowledge, and the social, political and cultural effects of medical practice.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.
	<p>Reading Social Texts Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Designed to help you hone your critical reading and independent research skills, this module will give you the confidence and skills to engage successfully with challenging theoretical primary texts. If you are considering applying for a Masters degree or a PhD, this module would be a good choice.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.
	<p>Youth and Popular Culture Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Through reviewing historical, social and economic factors, you will explore the contingent and dynamic nature of youth social action, within a context of social divisions.</p>	No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.

How you'll learn

Teaching

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, supervisions and directed studies. The precise mode of delivery, and the number of contact hours you will have per week, will vary depending on the modules you take in each semester.

You will be expected to attend the taught sessions and contribute to group activities. Discussions in smaller groups will enable you to develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures. In addition, you will meet with your academic personal tutor.

You will be expected to undertake independent reading and research throughout your course. You will have access to a wide range of library resources (books, journal articles, and media resources), and you will be supported in making good use of these.

All courses are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022.

All programmes will be designed to accommodate blended learning approaches ensuring the learning design purposefully, thoughtfully and effectively integrates on-site face-to-face and digital learning opportunities, informed and driven by student needs.

All lectures will be delivered digitally, (small) interactive lectures may be accommodated on campus (subject to availability).

Contact hours are defined as hours in which a student interacts through thoughtfully structured activity to include:

- On-site face-to-face teaching*
- Synchronous live digital teaching*
- Asynchronous digital activities as part of structured learning (for example, running a discussion activity regarding an aspect of the current topic through Blackboard Collaborate, Padlet or Blackboard Discussion Boards). A pre-recorded lecture presentation provided via ReCap can also be included in this definition provided it is part of a broader structured activity.*

Due to a range of restrictions imposed by the government as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the teaching in 2020-21 will consist of a mixture of online recorded sessions, live interactive online sessions and a number of face to face sessions for small groups of students. For health and safety reasons, face to face sessions will be small group sessions, limited in number and are subject to

		<p>relevant government restrictions.</p> <p>In 2020-21, attendance means accessing the teaching sessions online <u>or</u> attending face to face sessions.</p> <p>Staff are working hard to ensure that appropriate literature resources are available in ebook / scanned format where possible to make access to literature possible. You will also be encouraged to use online journal articles.</p>
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<p>Independent study</p>	<p>When not attending lectures, seminars, workshops or other timetabled sessions you will continue learning through self-study. Typically, this involves reading journal articles and books, undertaking research in the library, working on projects, and preparing for coursework assignments/examinations, workshops and seminars.</p> <p>Your module tutor will direct you towards specific readings and/or activities to complete before class. For some assignments, you might undertake independent research. For this, you will work under the supervision of a member of the course team, and you will meet with your supervisor regularly.</p>	<p>As above, where possible reading materials will be accessible online to minimise the amount of time you need to spend in the library during the coronavirus period. Where possible, the library will be open for accessing literature resources, but this is dependent on the trajectory of coronavirus and in the event of another lockdown, the library may be closed.</p> <p>Meetings will typically be by phone / online video. When coronavirus permits, face to face meetings may be offered by some staff.</p>
<p>Overall workload</p>	<p>In addition to formal contact hours and directed studies, you will need to devote time to independent reading and preparation. For each 20 credit module, your overall study time will be around 8 hours per week. This will vary according to the timing of assessments: some weeks may require more hours of study, for example when an assignment is due, and other weeks may require fewer.</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>Academic input</p>	<p>The teaching team consists of highly qualified academics, with a range of expertise and experience.</p> <p>Almost all the teaching on the course is undertaken by experienced members of staff who are either Fellows of the Higher Education Academy, or are working towards Fellowship. They are research-active and have experience in delivering research-informed teaching. You can find out more about the current teaching on our Meet the Team web page. You should note that members of the teaching team might change.</p> <p>Postgraduate students sometimes assist in teaching and assessing some modules. However, experienced academics teach the vast majority of lectures and seminars.</p> <p>“How do we understand the causes of social problems – and what can we, as a society,</p>	<p>No Change</p>

	<p>do about them? Studying Sociology and Social Policy encourages you to think about these questions, and consider potential solutions to widely-debated policy issues, from healthcare and education to employment and ageing.”</p> <p>Dr Jennie Bristow Programme Director, BSc Sociology and Social Policy</p>	
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How you'll be assessed

	<p>The Sociology and Social Policy team views assessment as part of the overall learning experience and so places an emphasis on providing frequent, detailed and personalised feedback. The course provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark. Ongoing assessment and verbal feedback of your performance in group work, seminar discussions, tutorial sessions when requested, and written feedback on coursework will be used as a means of formative assessment.</p> <p>All modules include formal, or 'summative', assessments. A range of assessment methods is used, and these vary according to the particular modules. The assessment methods include: essays, workbooks, annotated bibliographies, reflective logs, group presentations, reports, portfolios, dissertations, and written examinations. The grades from formal assessments count towards your module mark.</p> <p>The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends to some extent on the optional modules you choose. For each year, approximately 10 per cent of the sociology course will be assessed by written exams.</p>	<p>All work is submitted online and feedback is provided online so is accessible from anywhere, provided you have access to the internet.</p>
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Your future career

	<p>Many students aim to follow professional pathways into teaching, social work, the police, local government, non-governmental organisations, or postgraduate study, and our course is designed to support you across all these areas of interest. The comparative study of policy trends and organisations will be helpful for you if you wish to pursue careers in the international arena.</p> <p>With a degree in Sociology and Social Policy, you will also develop the skills, knowledge and attributes that can be applied in a wide range of other areas of employment, and</p>	<p>No Change</p>
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	<p>we support you in considering these various career and personal development opportunities.</p> <p>“Studying Sociology at Canterbury Christ Church University has not only enhanced my learning and outlook on society, but it has also changed me as a person through adopting a ‘sociological imagination’. It has given me the opportunity to think critically about every aspect of society in the past, present and future, and the confidence to pursue a career in teaching.”</p> <p>Laura Sociology and Social Policy graduate</p>	
Fees		
UK/EU	Full-time £9,250	
	Part-time £4,625	
Overseas	Full-time £13,000	
	Part-time N/A	

Course specific costs		
Field Trips (including trips abroad and trips to museums, theatres, workshops etc)	We offer an optional one day field trip to Margate. This requires the purchase of a return train ticket from Canterbury to Margate (to be purchased on the day of the field trip), the cost of which must be borne by the students. At the time of writing an off-peak return ticket is £6.20.	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it may not be possible to run this field trip in 2020-21
Travel and Accommodation costs for Placements	This applies to one module only (Citizenship and Community, level VI). Such travel costs will vary depending on the location of the student's home address and of their placement.	No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.
DBS / Health Checks	This applies to one module only (Citizenship and Community, level VI). Students may have to undergo a (DBS) check. There is a charge for this process of £52. To date such costs have been borne by the host organisations, although it is conceivable that a student might have to fund their own. However, as part of this module students are expected to research and identify their own volunteering placement, so they will be aware of any such costs before committing to the placement.	No change as you will not study this module until 2022-23.
Professional accreditation	N/A	N/A
Industry links	<p>The Sociology team has links with various local community groups and voluntary agencies, and with Thanet District Council, through both curriculum-related contexts, and ongoing research by members of the team.</p> <p>Our local third sector and community contacts will afford you the opportunity to apply your academic knowledge to practical contexts – through, for example, our second-year Research Skills module, and our third-year Citizenship and Community module. The course also houses 'Engaging Sociology', a vibrant series of public lectures and debates, which you can get involved in.</p>	Where possible, these relationships and activities will still take place, in a virtual environment.
Other important information		
	N/A	
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