

SOCIOLOGY (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

57L300B1/61L300VX/62L300VZ

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MSc); 9 months full-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time (PgCert).

Aims: The MSc in Sociology provides students with an advanced programme of sociological study, which may act as a conversion programme for students whose first degree is outside the discipline. The programme is therefore designed to develop students' understanding and critical reflection on the major debates and conceptual and empirical aspects of sociological study.

Content:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

SO5011 Qualitative Sociology: Philosophy and Methods (30 credit points)

SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Stage 2

Student must take two courses from the following:

SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)

SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)

SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)

SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)

SO5525: Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)

SO5526: Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

Stage 3

SO5904 Dissertation: Sociology (60 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. SO5904 must be taken in Year 2. The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

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Assessment: Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Students can obtain a Postgraduate Certificate on satisfactory completion of 60 credit points, or a Diploma in Sociology should they exit with 120 credit points passed successfully. The MSc in Sociology requires the student to pass the dissertation and the four courses. The degree of MSc shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS grade of D3 or above in the Dissertation (SO5904), irrespective of their performance in other courses.