BSc (Hons) SOCIOLGY

5th in The Guardian
League Table 2020

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH
Who We Are

Degree Structure

Our Approach
- Teaching & Learning
- PALS

Sociology beyond the campus
- Fieldwork
- Work-based Learning
- Volunteering

Applied Research Projects

Your Voices
- NSS (2019)
- Open Comments
Research Excellence Framework

62% of research judged as: *World Leading & Internationally Excellent*

36% of research deemed: *Internationally Significant*

Highest Teaching Standards

*HEA Senior & Fellows*
Degree Structure

Year 1 – 10% of Final Mark

Year 2 – 30% of Final Mark

Year 3 – 60% of Final Mark
How and why societies change? How individuals and society connect?

Explore real-world research through topics such as:
health, poverty, gender, race, sexuality, family, education, employment, media, food, global development and environmental sustainability.

What it is to be a sociologist?
How to use evidence to understand societies?

- Key Concepts & Skills for Sociology
- Social Identities and Inequalities
- 21st Century Crime Problems
- One Planet? Society & Sustainability
- Introduction to Social Theory
- Social Science Research Methods
Putting knowledge into practice. Sociology in action: Research projects.

Work experience relevant for the future.
Varied teaching and learning formats.

Gaining confidence in discussing contested social ideas.
Learning to apply ideas in the contemporary global world, industry & employment.

Core Modules:
- Work, Employment & Society
- Culture, Structure & Experience
- The Social Science Research Process
- Developments in Social Theory
- Gender, Sex & Sexuality

Elective Modules:
- Globalisation & International Social Justice
- Understanding Global Politics
- Work Based Learning in Sociology
Examining in depth YOUR sociological interests.
Forging links between theory & policy.

Exploring prominent topics in social debates.
Rich selection of modules including philosophy, media, environment, and food.

Becoming an Independent Sociologist.

- Dissertation and PDP Review
- Social Theory and Political Action

**Elective Modules:**
- Coastal Cultures
- Food and Foodways
- Green Criminology
- Health, Healing and Healthcare
- Media, State and Society
- Philosophy of Social Science
- Work Based Learning in Sociology
TEACHING

✓ Allocated personal tutor
✓ Structured, regular meetings
✓ Employability plan
✓ Dissertation supervision
✓ PALS
PALS

By Students – For Students

Peer Assisted Learning Scheme (PALS)

Regular study sessions for students, by students
Fieldwork
Work-Based Learning
Applied Research Projects
Sociology Beyond the Campus
Work-Based Learning in Sociology

A selection of organizations that students have worked with:

• Age UK Plymouth University Barefoot
• The Box (Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery)
• Broadreach House
• LandWorks
• Livewire Youth Project
• Open Hearts Open Borders (OHOB)
• Plymouth Argyle Football Club
• Shekinah
• Tamar View
• Trevi House
Volunteering has given me a sense of pride and fulfilment, helped me construct my sense of self, and develop as a person. On my visits I have felt very involved with everyone, as they are welcoming and appreciative of my help. Volunteering has resulted in new opportunities such as visiting HMP Channing’s Wood, being part of a focus group and helping out with the PeN project. I realise that many of these rewards wouldn’t have been possible without the social capital I attained through university or the great relationship I have developed with my lecturer / programme lead.”
Applied Research

- **Fez Endalaust** – “Migrants – we have more to lose”. Examining migrant sex workers’ perceptions on the impact of UK policy on prostitution.


- **Joel Gilhespy** – ‘Exploring Contemporary Grief’.


- **Annie Watson** – ‘An exploration of attitudes towards women joining the Royal Marines amongst men serving in the corps’.

- **Conor Wood** – ‘An Investigation on the Patterns and Behaviours of Alcohol Consumption amongst individuals in Plymouth’.
Sociology graduates go on to work in the following industries:

government, healthcare, police, media, teaching, market research, charities, private sectors.

Many return to pursue Postgraduate qualifications, e.g. in teaching.

80% of students are in work or in further study 6 months after graduating.
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Student Feedback from NSS Open Comments

"The lecturers were always friendly and helpful throughout."

"The staff have gone above and beyond what I expected with regards to support for each of the taught modules."

"The modules have been interesting and stimulating for me."

"The feedback that I have received has been positive and I have felt supported to improve my standard of work."
"Staff are very enthusiastic about the subjects they teach and therefore are able to greatly help when looking for more sources or reading around subjects and modules."

"The communication the lecturers have with the students and the support they provide. The opportunities provided alongside the course. The feedback that is given at every stage of every assignment and in workshops has been very beneficial."
TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION YOUNG UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2018:
Plymouth Sociology is ranked 1st Nationally and 50th internationally

GUARDIAN UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2020:
Plymouth Sociology ranked 5th out of 91 sociology programmes in the UK

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