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## **BA Sociology (L300)**

## **BA Sociology with Year Abroad (L302)**

## **BA Sociology (with Placement Year) (L303)**

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full- and part-time modes of study.

### **Level 1 (Certificate)**

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Societies in Transition	<a href="#">SOCl1312</a>	40
Social Research Methods #	<a href="#">SOCl1321</a>	20
Classical Sociological Theory #	<a href="#">SOCl1331</a>	20
Critical Scholarship in the Social Sciences	<a href="#">SOCl1411</a>	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

<b>List A</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Introduction to Criminological Theory	<a href="#">SOCl1391</a>	20
Decolonising Knowledge and Power	<a href="#">FSOC1011</a>	20
Modules to the value of 20 credits from open modules offered by another Board of Studies, with prior approval from the receiving Department (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study)		20

### **Level 2 (Diploma)**

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Research Methods in Action #	<a href="#">SOCl2252</a>	40
Modern and Contemporary Sociological Theory	<a href="#">SOCl2261</a>	20

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Policing and Police	<a href="#">SOCl2221</a>	20
Contemporary Criminological Theory	<a href="#">SOCl2231</a>	20
Sociology of Education	<a href="#">SOCl2271</a>	20
Violence and Abuse in Society	<a href="#">SOCl2281</a>	20
Communities and Social Justice	<a href="#">SOCl2301</a>	20
Crime, Power and Social Inequalities	<a href="#">SOCl2311</a>	20
Sociology of Health and Medicine	<a href="#">SOCl2321</a>	20
Sociology of Class *	<a href="#">SOCl2331</a>	20
Community Placement	<a href="#">SOCl2341</a>	20
Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity	<a href="#">THEO2501</a>	20
Modules to the value of 20 credits from open modules offered by another Board of Studies, with prior approval from the receiving Department (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study)		20

### Level 3 (Degree)

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

	<b>Credit value</b>
Dissertation ~	<a href="#">SOCI3112</a> 40

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List C:

<b>List C:</b>	<b>Credit value</b>
Issues in Criminal Justice (Inside-Out)	<a href="#">SOCI3341</a> 20
Social Policy	<a href="#">SOCI3421</a> 20
Leisure Studies *	<a href="#">SOCI3751</a> 20
Sociology of Reproduction and Parenthood *	<a href="#">SOCI3557</a> 10
Youth in Crisis: Young People, Crime and Justice *	<a href="#">SOCI3567</a> 10
Sociology of Mental Health and Illness	<a href="#">SOCI3577</a> 10
Justice, Violence and Abuse	<a href="#">SOCI3587</a> 10
Health and Place *	<a href="#">SOCI3597</a> 10
Feminist Anti-Violence Activism: Theory in Action	<a href="#">SOCI3607</a> 10
Digital Health and other devices: back to the future	<a href="#">SOCI3617</a> 10
Hate Crime: Understandings and Responses *	<a href="#">SOCI3627</a> 10
Race, Racism and Social Justice in Britain	<a href="#">SOCI3637</a> 10
Sociology of Work	<a href="#">SOCI3647</a> 10
The Body as Data: Technology, Power and Human Rights	<a href="#">SOCI3657</a> 10
Sociology of Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation	<a href="#">SOCI3667</a> 10
Social Theory and the Politics of Knowledge *	<a href="#">SOCI3677</a> 10
Crime, Justice and the Sex Industry	<a href="#">SOCI3687</a> 10
Cyberculture and Cybercrime *	<a href="#">SOCI3697</a> 10
Drugs and Society	<a href="#">SOCI3707</a> 10
Globalisation and the Sex Industry *	<a href="#">SOCI3717</a> 10
Digital Culture: Moral Panics and Conspiracy Thinking in Sociological Perspective(s)	<a href="#">SOCI3727</a> 10
Global Racism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives *	<a href="#">SOCI3737</a> 10
Disability Studies, Crime and Victimisation	<a href="#">SOCI3747</a> 10
Gender, Health and Medicine	<a href="#">SOCI3997</a> 10
Modules to the value of 20 credits offered within the Department of Sociology or from another Board of Studies, with prior approval from the receiving Department (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study).	20

### Assessment, progression and award

8. Modules marked with \* are not available in 2025-26.
9. Modules marked with # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
10. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.

### Year Abroad

11. Students admitted to the BA Sociology (L300) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Sociology (with Year Abroad) programme (L302). Students undertaking the BA Sociology (with Year Abroad) (L302) programme will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Sociology with Year Abroad.
12. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Sociology (with Year Abroad) (L302) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Sociology (L300) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;

- b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Sociology to be admitted to the BA Sociology (with Year Abroad) (L302) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the Department of Sociology, and;
  - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Sociology (L300) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Sociology (L300) programme.
13. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Department of Sociology deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Sociology (with Year Abroad) (L302). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Sociology (with Year Abroad) (L302) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Sociology (L300) programme.

### **Placement Year**

14. Students admitted to the BA Sociology (L300) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Sociology (with Placement Year) programme (L303). Students taking the BA Sociology (with Placement Year) (L303) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
- Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Sociology (with Placement Year) (L303). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Sociology (L300) programme.
15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Sociology (with Placement Year) (L303) must:
- a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Sociology (L300) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
  - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Sociology to be admitted to the BA Sociology (with Placement) (L303) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
  - c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and
  - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Sociology (L300) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Sociology (L300).
16. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Sociology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Sociology (with Placement Year) (L303). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Sociology (with Placement Year) (L303) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Sociology programme (L300).