Welcome to the University of Northampton.

BA Sociology
Academic staff introduction.

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Why study at Northampton?

- Employability: 94% or more for five years running*
- Teaching excellence: TEF Gold
- Research
- Social impact: UK’s first Changemaker Campus†
- More than just a good degree

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Why choose Northampton Sociology?

- Dedicated team with student centred approach
- Excellent contact ratio (guided and independent study)
- Historically good NSS scores*
- Well-structured curriculum, dealing with current real-world social issues
- Academic and practical approach to learning
- Varied and innovative assessments

* National Student Survey
STUDY ANYWHERE

Every full-time undergraduate student starting their first year with us in 2020 will get their own laptop to keep as part of their fee - meaning you can study where and when you like.
NO EXTRA COST
All sports clubs and societies are free to join at Northampton and every essential course text book is available via the library, meaning you won’t have to purchase copies.
Laptops and Internships and More

The Future Needs People Like You

If you’ve not landed a job 12 months after graduating, but completed a Changemaker programme alongside your studies then we’ll find you a paid, six-month internship as part of our Northampton Employment Promise.
Funded Trips

Many of our courses include trips that’ll help you develop new skills, discover new cultures and explore new ways of thinking. We think that’s really important. So we fund all travel & accommodation costs on any compulsory study trips.
Learning and Teaching at Waterside.

- You’ll study in small interactive group sessions, enhanced by the latest developments in technology.
- Our Learning Hub, the heart of Waterside Campus combines resources, staff and learning spaces that would traditionally be separate.
- Waterside has been designed to give you a personalised learning experience, excellent opportunities to develop your academic experience and life skills.
‘BA Sociology’ course overview.

Entry requirements

• Standard entry requirements apply.
• A typical offer is BTEC qualifications of DMM or A-level grades of BCC.
• We welcome international applicants and applications from those with a range of non-traditional educational or professional qualifications.
• Interactive workshops and seminars
• Independent and group study
• One-to-one supervisions

What do we do differently?

The Best UoN Sociology Assignments were published in the first volume of the The Sociology of Love & Intimacy Journal, headed by Jo Downton
What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of how society is organised and how we experience life.

As individuals, we are shaped by our membership of different social groups, but in turn we influence these groups. We are shaped by and shape society.

Activity!
Consider the simple act of drinking a cup of tea...
Tea drinking rituals

A cup of tea is not simply a refreshment!

When we think about it sociologically, we find that a cup of tea has symbolic value as part of our day-to-day social activities.

The rituals associated with tea-drinking are much more important than simply consuming a drink.

The simple observation of two people having a cup of tea together might lead to deeper sociological understandings about:
   - Social class
   - Culture
   - Social behaviours and routines
   - Fashion and tastes
And more...

And a more complicated set of economic and social relationships stretching across time and space:

- Britain’s colonial history
- International trade
- Employment and exploitation
- Capitalism and profit
Stage one.

Core modules (SH & JH)

• SOC1073 Identity Formation and Social Change
• SOC1077 Spaces and Places of Social Inequalities
• SOC1078 The Sociological Imagination

Core modules (SH only)

• SOC1069 Sociology of Education
• SOC1072 Media, Crime and Society
• SOC1076 Gender and Society

SOC1073 Identity Formation and Social Change

• Relationship between the individual and society
  • Structure v agency
  • Community
  • Sociological theory
• Influence of media on identity
Stage two.

Core modules

- SOC2096 BA Sociology Placement
- SOC2112 Methodology and Application in Social Research

Optional modules

- SOC2009 Love and Intimacy in the 21st century
- SOC2109 International Field Trip
- SOC2113 ‘Race’, Ethnicity and Migrations
- SOC2114 Sociology of Health and Wellbeing
- SOC2115 Sociology of Sport, Leisure and Tourism

Focus 1:
Training of how to do Research
- Workshops
- Seminars

Focus 2:
Applied research
- Group project

SOC2096 BA Sociology Placement

- 8 x 2-hour workshops to enhance student employability
- Minimum of 60 hours in a host institution:
  - Charity
  - Social Enterprise or
  - Formal sector (school, retail, bank, government)
- Assessment: Placement Portfolio
SOC2109 International Field Trip

- 2019: “Brexit Tour of Europe”
- Previously:
  - Rome, Italy
  - Athens, Greece
  - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
  - Stockholm, Sweden
- An ethnographic study of the current social context
- Full programme of academic study
- Lectures from local academics
- Visits to important historical sights
Stage three.

Core modules

- SOC4018 Sociology Dissertation

Optional modules

- SOC3019 Body, Sex and Society
- SOC3060 Sociology of Death
- SOC3061 Your Sociological Agenda
- SOC3062 Sociology and Complexity
- SOC3063 Sociology of the Future

**SOC4018 Sociology Dissertation**

Demonstrates:
- Ability to work and think independently
- Time-management and organisational skills
- Oral presentation skills
- Theoretical application
- Written communication ability
- Ability to conduct empirical research
- Work effectively under supervision

→ Integral to job reference
→ Crucial to postgraduate entry
Joint honours.

- Breadth
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Student choice
- 31 subjects
- Attractive to employers

For more information visit:

https://www.northampton.ac.uk/undergraduate/joint-honours/
Joint honours.

For 2020 entry can be taken with:

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### Careers

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The only Master’s programme in England and Wales specifically designed to develop students’ skills in leading the public debate around social issues and influencing decision-making and political agendas. Students not only gain experience in designing and conducting research but are also provided with the skills to disseminate sociological knowledge through a wide range of media, including digital platforms.

Modules:

- Theory and Practice of Public Sociology
- Research Methods for Public Sociology
- Communication Studies for Social Impact
- The Ecology of Contemporary Societies: Science, Technology, Environment
- Decision Making, Leadership and Management in Complex Organisations
- Multidimensional Inequalities and Spaces of Public Engagement
- Dissertation Project
Thank you.

Any questions?

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