

Super-Curricular Guide: Sociology



What Does UCAS Say...?

Entry Requirements:

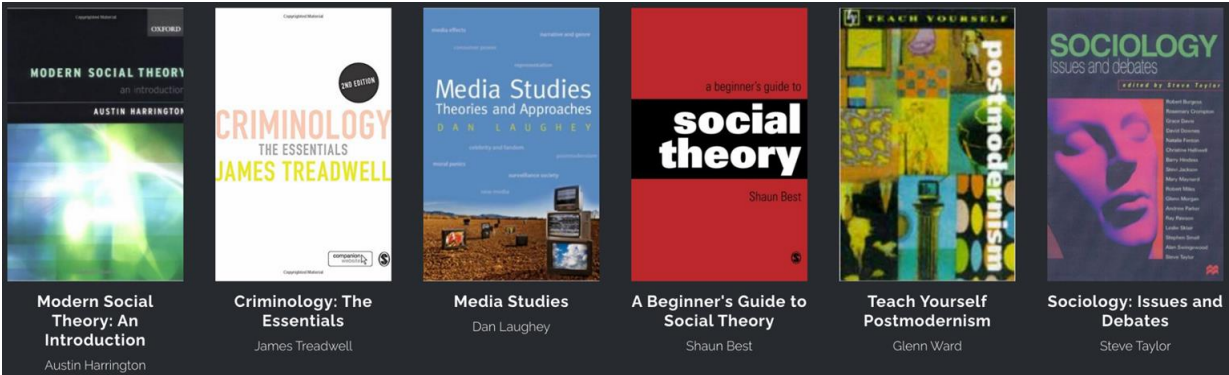
A levels – To get on to a social studies related degree, you will usually require a minimum of two A levels, with three A levels and A/B grades required for the most popular courses. Entry requirements range from CCC to AAB, with the universities and colleges most commonly asking for BBB.

Social work – Interviews form a key part of the selection process and applicants are also required to complete a written test. Relevant work experience is essential (up to six months part time experience is required by some courses) and universities will look for evidence that you are suited to social work including your:

- interest and motivation to undertake the career
- interpersonal and communication skills
- ability to relate to people of all ages and backgrounds
- resilience to deal with challenging and emotionally difficult cases



Read!



The McDonaldisation of Society
George Ritzer

Chavs
Owen Jones

The Spirit Level
Wilkinson and Pickett

Criminology: The Basics
Sandra Walklate

Living Dolls
Natasha Walter

The Fall of Public Man
Richard Sennett

Modern Social Theory: An Introduction
Austin Harrington

Criminology: The Essentials
James Treadwell

Media Studies
Dan Laughey

A Beginner's Guide to Social Theory
Shaun Best

Teach Yourself Postmodernism
Glenn Ward

Sociology: Issues and Debates
Steve Taylor

Criminology: A Sociological Introduction
Carrabine, Cox, Lee, Plummer and South

Criminology
Tim Newburn

Sociology
Anthony Giddens

On Liberty
Shami Chakrabarti



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LSE Impact Blog

A platform for understanding and increasing the impact of academic research

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/>



<http://www.sociologylens.net/>

WILEY

Sociology Lens Insights

Your community space for news and opinion in sociology



GENDER & SOCIETY

<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.thesociologyteacher.com/a-level-sociology-blog>

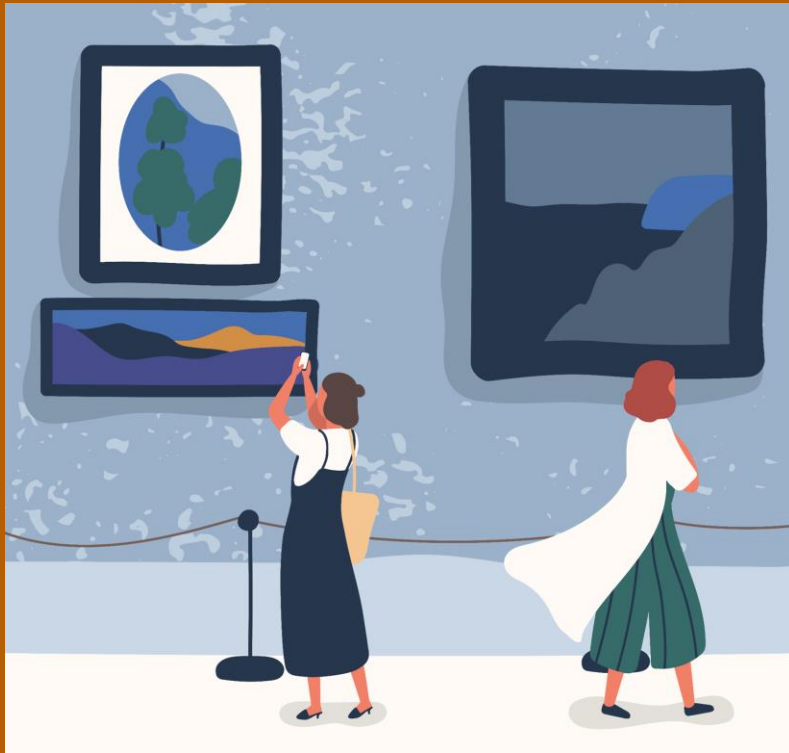


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BLOG POSTS



Visit!

UK Parliament

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Watch debates and committees

Visitors to Parliament from the UK and overseas are welcome to watch debates and committee hearings in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. This is free of charge.

<p>Attend debates</p> <p>From the public galleries, watch MPs and Peers question the government and debate current issues and legislation.</p>	<p>Prime Minister's Questions</p> <p>See the Prime Minister answering topical questions from MPs in the Commons Chamber on Wednesdays at 12 noon.</p>
<p>Ministerial Question Time</p> <p>Watch ministers answer questions from MPs and Peers on government policy and topical issues.</p>	<p>Watch committees</p> <p>A large part of the work of the House of Commons and the House of Lords happens in committees, made up by smaller groups of MPs or Peers.</p>

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/economics/events-and-seminars/public-lectures>

Go to Parliament!
<https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/visiting-and-tours/watch-committees-and-debates/>

Public Lectures

Events 2022/23

The Crisis of Democratic Capitalism
Speaker: Martin Wolf
Discussants: Diane Coyle and Jesse Norman MP
Chair: Tim Besley
Date: Wednesday 08 February 2023
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm
 This is an in-person and online public event (Sheikh Zayed Theatre, New Academic Building)
 Find more information about the event [here](#).

Why do people stay poor?
Speakers: Oriana Bandiera (LSE), Imran Matin (BRAC), Shameran Abed (BRAC), Scott MacMillan (BRAC), Robin Burgess (LSE)
Chair: Susanna Mourato (LSE)

Welcome to the British Museum

Experience cultures across the globe, from the dawn of human history to the present.

[Plan your visit](#)



















<https://www.britishmuseum.org/>



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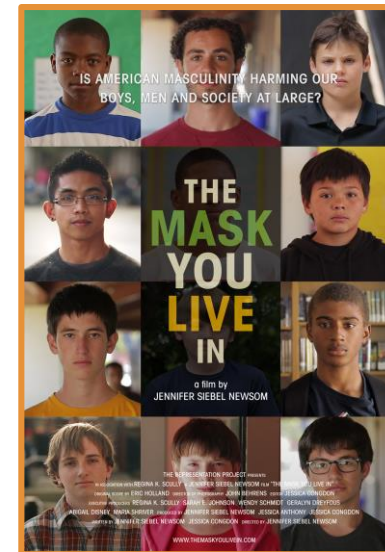
<https://www.ted.com/talks?sort=newest&topics%5B%5D=sociology>




 <p><i>Benedetta Bertì and Evelien Borgman</i> What does it mean to be a refugee? Posted Mar 2022</p>	 <p><i>Wendy De La Rosa</i> Why talking to your friends can help you save money Posted Feb 2021</p>	 <p><i>Alex Gendler</i> Can you outsmart this logical fallacy? Posted Nov 2019</p>	 <p><i>Noah Zandan</i> The language of lying Posted Sep 2018</p>	 <p><i>David Dunning</i> Why incompetent people think they're amazing Posted Nov 2017</p>	 <p><i>Zeynep Tufekci</i> We're building a dystopia just to make people click on ads Posted Oct 2017</p>
 <p><i>Anindya Kundu</i> The boost students need to overcome obstacles Posted Sep 2017</p>	 <p><i>Jia Jiang</i> What I learned from 100 days of rejection Posted Dec 2016</p>	 <p><i>Clay Routledge</i> Why do we feel nostalgia? Posted Nov 2016</p>	 <p><i>Jonathan Haidt</i> Can a divided America heal? Posted Nov 2016</p>	 <p><i>Ewandro Magalhaes</i> How interpreters juggle two languages at once Posted Jun 2016</p>	 <p><i>Derek Abbott</i> Should you trust unanimous decisions? Posted Apr 2016</p>
 <p><i>Dorothy Roberts</i> The problem with race-based medicine Posted Feb 2016</p>	 <p><i>Bethany Rickwald and Hayley Levitt</i> Would you opt for a life with no pain? Posted Nov 2015</p>	 <p><i>Alex Gendler</i> Can you solve the famously difficult green-eyed logic puzzle? Posted Jun 2015</p>	 <p><i>Prateek Singh</i> What causes economic bubbles? Posted May 2015</p>	 <p><i>Sophie Scott</i> Why we laugh Posted Apr 2015</p>	 <p><i>Zeynep Tufekci</i> Online social change: easy to organize, hard to win Posted Feb 2015</p>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN2W0fv8hY4>

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKwKZAnGA




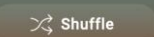
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PREVIEW

Sociology

CrashCourse

45 videos 5,783,358 views Last updated on 27 Feb 2020

In 44 videos, Nicole Sweeney will teach you sociology! This course is based on an introductory college level curriculum, with Sociology, 15th edition, by John J. Macionis as its reference text.



Listen!

Episodes



Thinking Allowed

Why Sociology Matters

Why Sociology matters: an exploration of the meaning and purpose of Public Sociology.
28 mins | 19 Jan 2022



Thinking Allowed

Laurie Taylor discusses the relationship between literature and sociology.
Laurie Taylor and guests explore the relationship between fiction and the real world.

28 mins | 28 Dec 2016



Free Thinking

Sociology in the 21st Century

Philip Dodd debates whether sociology still has a role to play in the 21st century.
45 mins | 18 Mar 2015

<https://www.social-engineer.org/podcasts/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/search?q=sociology>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/sociology-a-level-podcasts-by-seneca/>



Revise

A Level Sociology

by Seneca

Our Podcasts

Welcome to the Social-Engineer Podcasts! The 2nd and 3rd Mondays of each month we will be releasing new and exciting episodes. The Human Element Series, released on the 2nd Monday, and the SEcurity Awareness Series, released on the 3rd Monday, each with its own specific topic of the month.

BSA Young Sociologist of the Year Competition

If you are aged 16-19, we invite you to take part in our annual sociology competition where the winner receives a fabulous Apple iPad Mini as well as £500 for their school!

This year our competition question is **'How can sociology help us understand the causes and/or consequences of war and/or conflict?'**

What are you interested in? How does this relate to the above and use sociology to answer the question as part of a research project?



Compete!



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Y10-13 Photography Competition

Each year the Department of Sociology at the University of Cambridge hosts a photography competition aimed at students in Years 10-13.

<https://www.sociology.cam.ac.uk/photo-competition>

More than 500 volunteers support the Museum throughout the year, in a variety of roles.

Volunteers share their knowledge and enthusiasm by delivering daily eye-opener tours, they help the public enjoy the collection in numerous other ways and support behind-the-scenes activities in almost every department. And that's just the start.

Every volunteer offers invaluable support to the Museum, and they get something back from it too.

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/support-us/volunteer>



Experience!

<p>Democracy Volunteers</p> <p>Volunteer Short-Term Election Observer - May 4th 2023</p> <p>Democracy Volunteers</p> <p>Interested in improving the quality of the UK's electoral process?</p>	<p>acaa Afghanistan & Central Asian Association</p> <p>Strategic Development Intern</p> <p>Afghanistan and Central Asian Association</p> <p>An opportunity for someone who would like to develop their research, communication and...</p>	<p>acaa Afghanistan & Central Asian Association</p> <p>Political Communications Intern</p> <p>Afghanistan and Central Asian Association</p> <p>This is an exciting opportunity for someone who would like to develop their research and...</p>
<p>JAN Trust</p> <p>Remote Volunteer</p> <p>JAN Trust</p> <p>About Us:</p>	<p>Islington age UK</p> <p>Helpline Volunteer</p> <p>Age UK Islington</p> <p>As a helpline volunteer you will answer phone calls and be the first point of contact at Age UK...</p>	<p>RESULTS</p> <p>RESULTS UK Campaigner in London</p> <p>RESULTS UK</p> <p>RESULTS UK is a movement of passionate, committed, every day people. Our grassroots network ...</p>

UCL Student Union has a list of great Social Policy Research work experience suggestions:

<https://studentsunionucl.org/volunteering/directory/category/social-policy-research>

Keep a Super-Curricular Activities Record for Personal Statement and Interviews

- What did you do?
- What was interesting, significant and relevant?
- How was your perception or view of the subject matter changed?
- What did you agree or disagree with and why?
- What further questions were raised?
- What could you do to explore these questions further?
- What skills or understanding were developed?

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