



Course Summary: March 27, 2026

## Sociology BA Honours

- UCAS code: **L300**
- Full time
- 3 years

Sociology at Newcastle will help you to look beyond the every day to challenge and understand the social world we live in and how it shapes our lives.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

### Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£24,500**

### Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **ABB**

- IB: **32 points**

**UCAS Institution name and code:**

- NEWC / N21

## Undergraduate Open Day

Start your university journey. Find where you belong. Friday, June 26 (9:00-16:00)

Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

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## Course overview

This three-year degree equips you with the knowledge base and practical skills of a sociologist. You'll be trained to think about the world with a clarity that employers value.

You will explore cutting-edge sociological theories and research to understand social life, the way the social world works and how it can be changed for the better. You will gain a solid understanding of sociology and learn from leading research that addresses various contemporary societal challenges, such as refugees and displacement, multiculturalism and British identity.

A wide variety of optional modules will allow you to focus on topics that suit your interests and career plans, from childhood, race and ethnicity, class and sexuality, to critical perspectives on policing and security

Your learning will be informed by the latest research from our academic staff, helping you to gain a solid grounding in cutting-edge sociological theories.

### **Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions**

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2025-26.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

## **Quality and ranking**

### **Professional accreditation and recognition**

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

# Modules and learning

## Modules

**The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.**

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

### **Optional module availability**

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

You will take a set of core modules in which you will be introduced to the fundamental principles and methods of Sociology. You will learn how to think about the world with a 'sociological imagination', explore key social issues, and apply your learning in the field to make sociological sense of everyday life.

The programme includes an introduction to Anthropology which continues in stages 2 and 3 through compulsory and optional modules. You will also choose an additional module within sociology or beyond.

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Comparing Cultures: An Introduction to Anthropology	20
The Sociological Imagination: An Introduction to the Discipline	20
Knowing in Sociology: An Introduction to Theory, Methods and Epistemology	20
Understanding Everyday Life	20
Investigating Inequalities and Crime	20
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Politics and Society	20

About half of your time will be spent studying core modules on social theory and receiving practical hands-on training in research methods.

You can then choose optional modules – on subjects such as health, childhood, anthropology, refugees and criminology – so that you can begin to shape your degree according to your interests.

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Theorising Social Worlds	20
Researching Social Life	20
This is How We Do It: Sociology Research Design and Proposal	20
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Career Development for second year students	20

Being Human: debates, questions and conversations in anthropology	20
Sociology of Crime: Social Control in Neoliberal Societies	20
Refugees and Displacement: Borders, Camps, and Asylum	20
Exploring city life: urban studies in action	20

You will specialise and shape your final year to your specific interests by only taking modules of your own choice.

You will also undertake original sociological research that you define, design and conduct in the form part of a dissertation.

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Dissertation in Sociology	40
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Being Human: debates, questions and conversations in anthropology	20
Regulating Sexuality	20
Critical Approaches to Policing and Security	20
States of Mind: Sociology and Mental Health	20
Who Counts as a Person and Why Does It Matter? Questioning Personhood with Anthropology	20
Exploring city life: urban studies in action	20

Student Exchange	40
Investigating the Body	20
Class in Everyday Life	20

## Teaching and assessment

### Teaching methods

You will learn through lectures and seminars – and in some modules these are supplemented with short field trips. You will devote around 10 hours a week to large and small group study, and you'll supplement this with a maximum of 28 hours' private study.

### Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal

## Skills and experience

### Practical skills

Studying sociology will equip you with skills such as critical thinking, and the ability to analyse complex data and conduct social research. You will also gain communication, organisation and problem-solving skills.

Throughout your degree, you will be encouraged to work independently and in groups to take on practical assignments, fieldwork challenges, hands-on workshops and problem-solving exercises. This will help you to develop skills that are highly sought after by many employers.

## Business skills

In our Stage 2 career development module, you can take an assessed work placement with a local organisation such as FoodCycle or the Great North Children's Hospital.

You'll be specifically trained to think in a way that many types of employer are looking for. You will be able to:

- work as part of a team
- breakdown complex problems
- apply a variety of specialist research methods
- analyse data of any kind
- weigh up options
- make evidence-based decisions
- communicate well on paper and in person

## Research skills

You will benefit from practical training in research methods such as ethnography, sampling, questionnaire design, statistical analysis, qualitative interviewing and focus groups.

In your final year, you will then conduct independent research into a topic of your choice and present your findings in a dissertation of 10,000 to 13,000 words.

# Opportunities

## Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year, and your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. A work placement is not available if you're spending a year studying abroad. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

## **Study abroad**

Experience life in another country by choosing to study abroad as part of your degree. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

You may choose to spend either one or two semesters on an international exchange at a partner institution. The exchange usually takes place at Stage 3 with either the first semester (September to January) or the full year being the period of the exchange.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

## **Facilities and environment**

### **Facilities**

You will be based in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology.

This is housed in the newly refurbished Henry Daysh Building, right at the heart of our city-centre campus, where you will attend lectures, take part in seminars, and have access to one of the University's largest PC clusters.

You will also be given free access to install and use SPSS – the professional-standard software for statistical analysis.

## Support

You will join a friendly community where the academics will get to know you as an individual, and there are active student-run societies for Sociology.

You will also have a student mentor to show you the ropes, and a personal tutor to help with any academic and pastoral issues.

## Your future

[Read what our graduates have to say about studying Sociology at Newcastle University](#)

As a Sociology graduate, you will be specifically trained to think critically and strategically, something that many employers desire. You will be able to break down complex problems, apply a variety of specialist research methods, analyse data of any kind, weigh up options, make evidence-based decisions and communicate well on paper and in person.

Our graduates can be found working across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors – especially in fields that involve a focus on people. These include the Civil Service, education, human resources, information technology, journalism, marketing, public relations and social work.

Others choose to progress to postgraduate master's-level courses in teaching, media studies, social research, international politics and law.

## Make a difference

### Careers support

Our Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

### Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

## Find out more...

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- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **[www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni](http://www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni)**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at  
**<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>**
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person  
**[www.ncl.ac.uk/openday](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/openday)**
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