

Sociology

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



BA Degree [Joint Honours] BAU1

Length of Course 3 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma	IB Total 26 A high level of English language competency is normally required
Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level)	BCC A high level of English language competency is normally required
Other Examinations	For country specific information see page 157
UCD International Foundation Year	No



Why is this subject for me?

If you are interested in people, you will be interested in studying sociology – its study of society and social life seeks to explain why people act and behave the way they do. It studies the different human groups to which people belong: families, social classes, religions, neighbourhoods, nations and races. Sociologists are interested in how these groups influence what people do and say, and, at the same time, how individuals change the nature of these groups through the way they act. Sociology combines theoretical analysis and empirical research.

What will I study?

First year introduces you to the works of leading sociologists and fundamental sociological concepts and techniques of enquiry. Thereafter you can choose from dozens of modules.

First Year

Foundations of Sociological Thought • Introduction to Sociology • Irish Culture & Society • Sociology in Practice

Second & Third Year

Sociological Theory • Qualitative & Quantitative Research Methods • Gender • Work & Stratification • Crime & Society • Science & Society • Sociology of War & Violence • Sociology of Health & Illness • Men in Contemporary Society • Migration • Cities & Globalisation • Social Networks • Economic Sociology • Governance & Society • Sociology of Nations • American Society • Social Anthropology

Sociology students attend lectures and participate in seminar discussions. They also undertake independent study, including reading and writing about sociological ideas and issues.

Assessment is generally a combination of continuous assessment and end-of-semester written exams.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Sociology provides an excellent grounding for a wide range of careers in such areas as:

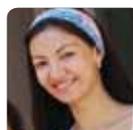
- Social research and policy analysis
- Journalism

- The media
- Civil service
- Business

It also leads to a wide range of graduate study opportunities in the social sciences. The School provides a general MSocSc in Sociology, as well as specialised programmes in Health, Wellbeing & Society, Crime, Violence & Conflict, Cultural Sociology and Global Migration & Cultural Differences.

International Study Opportunities

Sociology students at UCD can avail of international exchange opportunities in universities in Europe and around the world. Currently, Erasmus opportunities exist in Belgium, France, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Northern Ireland and England. Non-EU exchanges may include the USA, Australia and South Korea.



Dilnoza-Satarova
GRADUATE

What I liked most about UCD is the range of extracurricular activities, including various sports training and interactive courses on contemporary issues. I really enjoyed my yoga classes offered by UCD Sport and Fitness Centre and the Global Issues course by Suas Educational Development. These activities gave me an opportunity to meet more people from outside of my regular classes and enjoy a vibrant social life. UCD library, which became my second home in Ireland, is a cosy and welcoming place! Bright and comfortable study rooms, a variety of beautiful books and other literature, very friendly personnel, easy access to internet, printer and other facilities, all made my life in UCD even more enjoyable and memorable!

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