

*Duration:* 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MSc); 9 months full-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time (PgCert).

*Aims:* The MSc in Sociology provides students with an advanced programme of sociological study, which may act as a conversion programme for students whose first degree is outside the discipline. The programme is therefore designed to develop students' understanding and critical reflection on the major debates and conceptual and empirical aspects of sociological study.

*Content:*

### **FULL TIME ROUTE**

#### **Stage 1**

Student must take two courses from the following:

- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)
- SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5525: Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)
- SO5526: Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

#### **Stage 2**

- SO5904 Dissertation: Sociology (60 credit points)

#### **Stage 3**

- SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)
- SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

### **PART TIME ROUTE**

#### **Year 1**

Students will select one course from the following:

- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)
- SO5515 The Comparative Studies of European Societies (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)
- SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

#### **Year 2**

All students must take the following:

- SO5904 Dissertation: Sociology (60 credit points)

Students must take one course from the following.

- SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)
- SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Students will select one course from the following. Courses taken in previous years cannot be taken again:

- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)
- SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5525: Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)
- SO5526: Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

### Year 3

Students must take one course from the following. Course already taken in Year 2 cannot be taken again:

- SL5011 Qualitative Sociology: Philosophy and Methods (30 credit points)
- SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

*Assessment:* Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Students can obtain a Postgraduate Certificate on satisfactory completion of 60 credit points, or a Diploma in Sociology should they exit with 120 credit points passed successfully. The MSc in Sociology requires the student to pass the dissertation and the four courses. The degree of MSc shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS grade of D3 or above in the Dissertation (SO5904), irrespective of their performance in other courses.