

SOCIOLOGY (SEPTEMBER START) (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

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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

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Stage 2

Student must take two courses from the following:

SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
SO5529 Peace & Conflict Studies (30 credit points)

Stage 3

SO5904 Dissertation: Sociology (60 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. PD5006 must be taken in Year 1 and SO5904 must be taken in Year 2.

The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

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

Student must take -one course from the following:

SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
SO5529 Peace & Conflict Studies (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.