



Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Sciences

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Short title

BA (Hons) Social Sciences

Award letters

BA (Hons) Soc Sci (Open)

Entry requirements

No academic entry requirement.

Maximum duration of study

16 years

Credit requirement

360 credits

Stage 1 (120 credits)

60 credits from the compulsory module and 60 credits from either a further compulsory module or a core option module, depending on the study route being followed.

Stage 2 (120 credits)

60 credits from the compulsory module and 60 credits from either a further compulsory module or a core option module, depending on the study route being followed

Stage 3 (120 credits)

60 credits from the compulsory module and 60 credits from either a further compulsory module or a core option module, or 120 credits from core-option modules, depending on the study route being followed.

Maximum transferred credit

240 credits

Maximum age of credit transfer

16 years

Unique study requirement

120 credits at OU Stage 3

Additional rules

Subject to the conditions set out in these Regulations, the BA (Honours) Social Sciences can also be awarded with a named specialism. Where modules that make up a specialism are included in the degree, the degree may be referred to as the BA (Honours) Social Sciences ('specialism') where 'specialism' is the name of the specialism concerned.

The University will award you the BA (Honours) Social Sciences ('specialism') if you have 360 credits from approved modules, provided that, within that total you have included 60 credits at OU Stage 2 and 60 credits at OU Stage 3 that are specified for a particular specialism.

From October 2022, dissertation routes will be available to students on the Sociology and Criminology specialisms in addition to the existing non-dissertation route. The dissertation routes will require completion of the appropriate compulsory module in Stage 2 as well as the compulsory dissertation module in Stage 3, and the recommended study order must be followed.