

BA with Honours in Sociology – 2017 entry

Duration of programme: 4 years (where students join the programme in year 1)

Award on successful completion: Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Location of delivery: Abertay University, Bell Street, Dundee

Composition of the programme: 120 SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) credits in each academic year, delivered in modules of 20 credits each, with 3 modules taken in term 1, and 3 in term 2 each year. In years 1 and 2, students have the opportunity to take modules outside their main subject. The final year includes a 40 credit independent project.

Contact hours and workload: Each academic year typically requires 1200 hours of student effort; on average across the 4 years of this programme, 20% of that time is in lectures, seminars and similar activities; the remainder is independent study.

Assessment methods: Assessments include essays, reports, critical reviews, case studies, examinations, presentations and a final year dissertation. Around a third of the course is assessed through examination, although the precise proportion will be dependent on each student's module choices.

Academic staff: This programme is delivered by staff in the Division of Sociology in the School of Social and Health Sciences. Staff profiles can be viewed at http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studentlife/schools/shs/staff/

Core modules in the programme:
Contemporary Social Issues
Classical Social Theory
Contemporary Social Theory
Sociology of Gender & Sexuality
Researching Society
Political Sociology
Sociology Honours Project
Other modules that may be offered, but are subject to change over time:
History and Social Change
News, Truth and Power
Digital Sociology
Criminal Justice Processes
Race, Ethnicity and Migration
The Social Construction of Surveillance and Cyber crime
Sociology of Scotland
Propaganda, PR and Misinformation
Death, Killing and Conflict
Visualising the Environment
Work, Class and Consumption in the Global Economy
Language, Discourse and Society
Screening Crime: From Detectives to Serial Killers

Developments in the discipline

The curriculum within all Sociology modules, including core modules, is expected to evolve over time, to maintain a real world connection. The discipline of Sociology is continually evolving, with most new developments coming in Social Theory. However, the key subject disciplines are unlikely to change. New developments are readily incorporated into the core curriculum without having to fundamentally change the module structure.