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.