What is Sociology?
Why study sociology at LSE?
meet the department

• 400 students in total;
• 120 undergraduates;
• 280 post-graduates
• BSc Sociology + MSc Sociology, MSc City Design and Social Science, MSc Culture and Society, MSc Economy, Risk and Society, MSc Human Rights, MSc Human Rights and Politics, MSc Inequalities and Social Science, MSc Political Sociology + PhD Programme
• 30 teaching staff.
meet the department

Core research and teaching areas:

• Economy, Technology and Expertise
  – Money, finance, markets, consumption, digital technologies, science

• Politics and Human Rights
  – Political parties, social movements, political ideology, violence, human rights, humanitarianism,

• Social Inequalities
  – Class, race, ethnicity, gender, age

• Urban Sociology
  – Cities, housing, urban inequalities, architecture, space and society, migration
BSc in sociology
applying

• Requirements:
  – A level: AAB (+ GCSE English and Maths at grade B)
  – IB: 37 points including 6 6 6 at Higher Level

• Personal Statement:
  – Key indicator of quality and commitment
  – Must express and evidence keen interest in Sociology

• The Competition:
  – In 2018 275 applied for 40 places
Year 1

SO100
Key concepts:
Introduction to Social Theory

SO102
Data in Society:
Researching Social Life

SO110
Power, Inequality and Difference:
Contemporary Themes in Sociology

One approved option
From outside the Dept and LSE 100 in LT

Year 2

SO201
Key Concepts:
Advanced Social Theory

SO221
Researching London:
Advanced Social Research Methods

Two options
Either two inside the Dept, or one inside and one outside, and LSE 100 in MT

Year 3

SO302
The Sociological Dissertation (10,000 word research essay on a topic of your choosing)

Three options
Either three inside the Dept, or two within the Department and one outside
First year options (selected examples)
• Introduction to Social Anthropology
• Introduction to Political Science
• Social Psychology

Second and third year options (selected examples from the Department)
• Political Sociology
• Gender and Society
• Crime, Deviance and Control
• The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
• Sociology of Health and Illness
• Digital Technology, Speed and Culture
• Personal Life, Intimacy and the Family
• The Sociology of Elites
• Law and Violence
• Work, Inequality and Society
• Material Culture and Everyday Life
Assessment

• Combination of essays, exams, class presentations and projects
  – Formative (practice and feedback)
  – Summative (assessed)

• Support from Academic Mentor
  – General advice on study skills
  – Support (academic and pastoral) throughout the degree
Beyond the LSE

Where do our graduates go on to work?

– Research
– Education and teaching
– NGOs and charities
– Public sector and government
– Auditing
– Also further study

• See: https://info.lse.ac.uk/Current-Students/Careers/What-graduates-do
any questions?