

BSOCSC (HONS) - CK102

Overview

NFQ Level 8, Major Award

The BSocSc (Hons) is a three-year, full-time honours degree programme during which students are provided with a broad grounding in Social Policy, Sociology, Studies in Psychology, Economics and Philosophy. The First Year offers a foundation in the Social Sciences. The Second and Third Years of the degree emphasise applied learning and include preparation of a research proposal in the Second Year and a social analysis dissertation/project in the Third Year.

The degree does not, however, provide a professional qualification in any one of the areas covered. Students wishing to become Social Workers or Youth and Community Workers will have to undertake further professional training at Postgraduate level, for example the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree or the Postgraduate Diploma in Youth Work. Students wishing to be eligible for postgraduate studies in Sociology must have taken at least 45 credits of Sociology overall in the Second and Third Years, including SC2014 Classical Social Theory, SC2015 Critical Social Theory, SC3001 Contemporary Social Theory and SC3055 Research Project 2 (or equivalent i.e. SS3031 Social Research Report).

To be eligible for the award of the BSocSc (Hons) Degree a student will be required to have achieved 180 credits by obtaining 60 credits in each of First, Second, and Third Social Science. A student may not register for more than 60 credits in one academic year.

First Year - Social Science

In First Social Science, students study prescribed modules to the value of 60 credits in the five designated subject areas of Applied Psychology, Economics, Philosophy or Social Practice and the Social Professions, Social Policy, and Sociology.

Note:

If optional SS coded modules do not reach the minimum registration quota there is no guarantee that they will be offered.

Second Year - Social Science

No student may register for Second Social Science until he/she has passed the First University Examination in Social Science. In order to be admitted to the Second University Examination in Social Science, a student must have satisfactorily attended, for at least a full academic year, prescribed modules to the value of 60 credits in all of the themes of his/her programme.

UCC Diploma in Social Studies progression pathway

Students who have passed the Diploma in Social Studies from 2020 onwards may register for Second Social Science. Students who wish to progress to Second Social Science should notify the School of Applied Social Studies in writing of their intention to do so by the first Friday of July at the end of their second year of studying the Diploma in Social Studies. Upon successful completion of the Diploma in Social Studies, students who have notified their intention to progress, may register for Second Social Science.

Placements

Students who opt to avail of Placements under this scheme must inform the School of Applied Social Studies in good time of their intention to do

so as special arrangements for assessment will need to be agreed before students are allowed to take up the Placement.

NB: Students may not select modules which involve a timetable clash.

BSocSc (Hons) (International) Pathway

The BSocSc (Hons) (International) Pathway (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/bsoci/>) is a four-year programme which enables students to study abroad for a year in an approved University outside Ireland.

Third Year - Social Science

Only students who have passed the Second University Examination in Social Science and satisfied all other requirements specified for the Second Year, will be permitted to register for Third Social Science. In order to be admitted to the BSocSc (Hons) Degree Examination, a student must have satisfactorily attended, for at least a full academic year, prescribed modules to the value of 60 credits in all of the themes of his/her programme.

Placements

Students who opt to avail of Placements under this scheme must inform the School of Applied Social Studies in good time of their intention to do so as special arrangements for assessment will need to be agreed before students are allowed to take up the Placement.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take 60 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
<i>Applied Psychology</i>		
AP1022	Social Psychology	5
AP1023	Lifespan Development	5
<i>Economics</i>		
EC1117	Markets and Governments: An Introduction to Economics	5
EC1118	Markets and Governments: An Introduction to Economics	5
Select either Philosophy or Social Practice and the Social Professions:		10
<i>Philosophy</i>		
PH1005	Philosophy and Social Science an Introduction (10)	
<i>Social Practice and the Social Professions</i>		
SS1012	Social Practice and the Social Professions (10)	
<i>Social Policy</i>		
SS1017	Politics and Social Policy (Part 1)	10
SS1018	Politics and Social Policy (Part 2)	5
<i>Sociology</i>		
SC1012	Introduction to Sociology (Part A)	5
SC1013	Key Issues in Sociology (Part B)	10
Year 2		

Students take **60** credits as follows:

Economics

EC2151 Economics of Social Policy 1

Social Policy

SS2012 Research Methods

SS2029 Politics and Social Policy II (Part 1)

SS2031 Politics and Social Policy II (Part 2)

Plus **5** credits from the following: 5

SS2004 Personal Lives and Family Policy (5)

SS2006 Child Care Policy (5)

SS2007 Penal Policy and Practice (5)

SS2008 Social Work 1 (5)

SS2024 Fieldwork Placement (5)

SS2025 Social Movements and Health (5)

SS2026 Special Education and Disability: Principles, Policies and Practices (5)

SS2033 Critical Social Policy and Environmental Crisis (5)

SS3009 Communities, Activism and Development (5)

Philosophy

PH2032 Introduction to Ethics

Applied Psychology

AP2505 Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence

*Sociology and Society*¹

SC2014 Classical Social Theory

SC2015 Critical Social Theory

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **15** credits (not already selected) from the following:² 15

Social Policy

SS2004 Personal Lives and Family Policy ()

SS2006 Child Care Policy ()

SS2007 Penal Policy and Practice ()

SS2008 Social Work 1 ()

SS2024 Fieldwork Placement ()

SS2025 Social Movements and Health ()

SS2026 Special Education and Disability: Principles, Policies and Practices ()

SS2033 Critical Social Policy and Environmental Crisis ()

SS3009 Communities, Activism and Development ()

*Sociology*¹

CR2002 Women, Confinement and Social Control in Ireland ()

CR2003 Crime, Urbanization and Cities ()

SC2003 The Sociology of Class ()

SC2004 Sociology of Politics, Power, and Ideology ()

SC2012 Race, Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism ()

SC2017 Sociology of Education/Sociology for Education ()

SC2018 Culture, Art & Literature: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives ()

SC2021 Sociology of Crime and Deviance ()

SC2026 The Family: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives (5)

SC2027 Sociology of the Body, Health and Illness ()

SC2034 Sociology of the City ()

SC3058 Sociology of Memory, Trauma & Collective Denial ()

Statistics

ST2001 Introduction to Biostatistics ()

Languages: French, German, Spanish and Italian

FR0105 Introduction to French : Complete Beginners ()³

or FR1005 French for Near Beginners ()

FR1005 French for Near Beginners ()

FR1105 Threshold French ()

or FR1107 French for Reading Purposes I ()

GE0003 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1 ()⁴

FR1107 French for Reading Purposes I (5)

GE0004 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 ()⁴

GE0005 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) ()⁴

GE0008 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) ()⁴

HS0028 Spanish Language (Beginner Level) ()⁵

IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian ()

or IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian ()

Philosophy

PH2002 Reasoning and Argument ()

PH2004 An Introduction to Political Philosophy ()

PH2017 Feminist Philosophy ()

PH2019 Philosophy of Science ()

Year 3

Students take **60** credits as follows - all listed core modules (**30** credits) and **30** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

Social Research Project

*Social Policy or Sociology*¹

SS3031 Social Research Report

or SC3055 Research Project 2

Economics

EC3151 Economics of Social Policy 2

Social Policy

SS3049 Politics and Social Policy IV

SS3050 Politics and Social Policy V

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **30** credits from the subject areas listed below (timetable permitting): 30

Social Policy, Social Work and Social Services

SS3005 Housing and Homelessness ()

SS3006 Education and Welfare ()

SS3008 Poverty and Social Exclusion ()

SS3009 Communities, Activism and Development ()⁶

SS3010 Social Science and Social Work ()

SS3011 Youth Policy and Practice ()

SS3015 The Politics of Racism (Online) ()

SS3016 Social Perspectives in Mental Health ()

SS3019 Science, Technology and Public Controversy ()

SS3021 Sexuality and Society ()

SS3030 Fieldwork Placement ()

SS3033 Issues in Planning and Sustainable Development ()

SS3045	Critical Perspectives on Age and Ageing ()
SS3047	Social Practice and the Social Professions 3 ()
SS3051	Critical Perspectives on Disability ()
<i>Sociology and Society III</i> ¹	
CR2002	Women, Confinement and Social Control in Ireland () ⁶
CR2003	Crime, Urbanization and Cities () ⁶
SC3001	Contemporary Social Theory ()
SC3003	Understanding Globalisation and Development ()
SC3004	The Sociology of Community ()
SC3009	Religion and Civilisation in Sociological and Anthropological Perspective ()
SC3012	Sociology of the Media ()
SC3029	Sociology of the Environment ()
SC3046	Gender, Sexuality and Inequality ()
SC3058	Sociology of Memory, Trauma & Collective Denial ()
SC3059	Sociology of Law: Legal Justice, Human Right and Social Change ()
SC3066	Medical Sociology (5) ¹¹
<i>Applied Psychology</i>	
AP3122	Special Educational Needs: Aetiology, Assessment and Intervention (5)
AP3504	Child and Family Health Psychology ()
<i>Languages: French, Gaelige, German, Italian, Spanish</i>	
FR0105	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners () ⁷
or FR1005	French for Near Beginners ()
FR1005	French for Near Beginners ()
FR1105	Threshold French () ⁷
or FR1107	French for Reading Purposes I ()
FR1107	French for Reading Purposes I () ⁷
FR2105	Towards Vantage French ()
or FR2107	French for Reading Purposes II ()
FR2107	French for Reading Purposes II ()
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt ()
GE0003	German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1 () ⁴
GE0004	German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 () ⁴
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) () ⁴
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) () ⁴
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) ()
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) () ⁸
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian () ⁹
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian () ⁹
or IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language ()
<i>Philosophy</i>	
PH3025	Political Philosophy in Theory and Practice ()
PH3042	Professional Ethics ()
PH3044	Social Ontology ()
PH3048	Moral Philosophy in Theory and Practice ()
PH3110	Human Nature and Free Will ()
<i>Statistics</i>	
ST2001	Introduction to Biostatistics () ¹⁰

Total Credits

110

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- ² Timetable permitting and ensuring that students are registered for 60 credits in total.
- ³ FR0105 Introduction to French : Complete Beginners is only available to complete beginners and FR1005 French for Near Beginners is not available to any student who took French beyond JC or equivalent.
- ⁴ GE0003 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1 and GE0004 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 must be taken together. GE0005 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) and GE0008 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) must be taken together.
- ⁵ Please note HS0028 Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (Beginners A1).
- ⁶ Students who took SC3058 Sociology of Memory, Trauma & Collective Denial, SC3058 Sociology of Memory, Trauma & Collective Denial CR2002 Women, Confinement and Social Control in Ireland or CR2003 Crime, Urbanization and Cities in Second Year cannot select the same module in Third Year.
- ⁷ FR0105 Introduction to French : Complete Beginners (Complete Beginners)and/or FR1005 French for Near Beginners (False beginners), FR1105 Threshold French and/or FR1107 French for Reading Purposes I are only available to students who have not already taken those French modules in Second Year.
- ⁸ HS0028 Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (Beginners A1), HS0128 Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (Non Beginners A2). Students can only take HS0128 Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) in third year if they completed HS0028 Spanish Language (Beginner Level) in second year.
- ⁹ IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (Beginners) and IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (Non-Beginners) are only available to students who have not already taken Italian in Second Year. IT2101 Intermediate Italian Language is only available to students who have successfully passed IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian or IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian in Second Year.
- ¹⁰ Students who took ST2001 Introduction to Biostatistics in Second Year cannot select this module in Third Year.
- ¹¹ SC3066 Medical Sociology is only available to students taking at least 30 credits of Sociology in Third Year.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.