

BSOCSC (HONS) (INTERNATIONAL) PATHWAY

Overview

Status: Active

National Framework Of Qualifications (NFQ) Level: 8

NFQ Award Class: Major Award

Duration Full Time: 4 Academic Year(s)

Total Credits: 240

Delivery Method: In-Person

Connected Curriculum:

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Employability
- Global Reach
- Inter-and Transdisciplinary
- Research Based Teaching
- Sustainability

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- No Poverty
- Zero Hunger
- Good Health and Well-being
- Quality Education
- Gender Equality
- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Reduced Inequality
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Climate Action
- Peace Justice Strong Institutions

Graduate Attributes:

- Creator, evaluator and communicator of knowledge
- Digitally Fluent
- Effective global citizen
- Independent and creative thinker
- Socially Responsible

Work-Integrated Learning (Including Placement):

Yes

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

The BSocSc (Hons) (International) Pathway is a four-year, full-time honours degree programme during which students are provided with a broad grounding in Social Policy, Sociology, Psychology, Economics and Philosophy. The First Year offers a foundation in the Social Sciences. The Second and Fourth Years of the degree emphasise applied learning and

include a social research dissertation in the Fourth Year. The Third Year of the degree is spent studying abroad.

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 Fourth 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) (International) Pathway Degree a student will be required to have achieved 240 credits by obtaining 60 credits in each of First, Second, and Fourth Social Science and the year spent abroad. A student may not register for more than 60 credits in one academic year.

First Year - Social Science

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

Option to transfer to Bachelor of Social Work Year 2

From 2024 onwards, students who have passed the first year of the BSocSc (CK102) may apply to register for the second year of the Bachelor of Social Work (CK115). Upon successful completion of the first year of the BSocSc, including the prerequisite module SS1012 (Social Practice and the Social Professions), students who have notified their intention to transfer, will be eligible to apply for the second year of the BSW. The allocation of a place on the second year of the BSW will be subject to a selection process. Please note that there is a limit of 10 places available. Students who wish to transfer to the second year of the BSW must notify the School of Applied Social Studies in writing of their intention to do so by the prescribed date at the end of their first year of studying the BSocSc. Students who do not transfer to the BSW may continue on the BSocSc.

Note regarding Second and Fourth Year Social Science elective modules:

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

Students may not select modules which involve a timetable clash.

Students may not select the same electives in year 2 and year 4.

Second Year - Social Science (International) Pathway

Students who wish to take the Second Social Science (International Pathway) register for the pathway at the beginning of Second Year. No student may register for Second Social Science (International) Pathway 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 (International) Pathway, 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.

In Second Social Science (International) Pathway students follow the same programme requirements and curriculum as students taking Second Social Science.

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 (International) Pathway. Students who wish to progress to Second Social Science (International) Pathway 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 (International) Pathway.

Third Year - Social Science (International) Pathway

Only students who have passed the Second University Examination in Social Science (International) Pathway and satisfied all other requirements specified for the Second Year, will be permitted to register for Third Social Science (International) Pathway.

Third Social Science (International) Pathway is spent in an approved university abroad where students will study approved courses/modules to the equivalent value of 60 credits. All courses will be assessed by the approved Host University.

Fourth Year - Social Science (International) Pathway

No student may register for the BSocSc (Hons) (International) Pathway Degree Examination until s/he has passed the Third University Examination in Social Science (International) Pathway. In order to be admitted to the BSocSc (Hons) (International) Pathway 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.

In Fourth Social Science (International) Pathway students follow the same programme requirements and curriculum as students taking Third Social Science.

Programme Requirements

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