

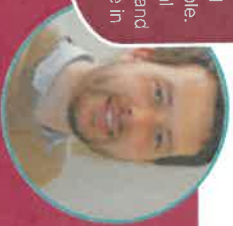


BA (Joint Honours) Sociological and Political Studies

- Sociological and Political Studies offers the fascinating combined study of Politics and Sociology. Political Science is the study of political life and the behaviour of political actors - people, parties, organisations - from local to global levels. It examines key concepts like democracy, freedom and equality. Sociology is the study of society, social issues, and social change. It aims to understand the connections between social structures, history, groups, identities and individuals. Sociological and Political Studies uses critical thinking, ideas and research to understand how power operates, how society is governed, and how to tackle social problems and global issues.
- In first year of the Bachelor of Arts Degree, students choose **THREE** subjects. The Joint Honours subject Sociological and Political Studies is studied alongside two other Arts subjects. Subjects are organised in seven groups, students pick one subject from each group. In second year and third/final year, you will study two subjects, one of which is Sociological and Political Studies.



For me, a degree in Political Science and Sociology from University Galway was a fantastic foundation for my career. I did two modules on European policy and politics, which were incredibly useful for a job based in Brussels. There were also the more theoretical courses, which helped develop my analytical and writing skills. The smaller seminars were also incredibly valuable. My current role requires good knowledge of Europe's political history, the ability to work with different political environments and an ability to think on your feet. All skills picked up from my time in University of Galway! - Andrew Murphy



COURSE FACTS

Subject Name: Sociological and Political Studies Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)
CAO Code GY101
Duration: 3-4 years
Entry Requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Course Outline

YEAR ONE

- Introduction to Politics
- Practising Politics

YEAR TWO

- Classical Social Thought
- European Politics
- International and Global Politics
- Methods for Social and Political Science

YEAR THREE/FINAL YEAR

- Care, Power, Information
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Comparative Public Policy
- Contemporary American Politics
- Contemporary Social Thought

FINAL YEAR ELECTIVES (INDICATIVE)

- Biosociality and Bioeconomy
- Contemporary African Politics
- Children and Young People in Families
- European Union
- European Women's Studies
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Introduction to Social Work
- Ocean and Marine Politics
- Political Liberty
- Security and World Affairs
- Sexualities, Genders and Diversities
- Sociology of the Environment
- Sociology of Religion
- Smart Work and Social Welfare
- Social and Liveable Cities & Suburbs
- Socially-Engaged Art
- Songs of Rebellion
- The Northern Ireland Conflict
- The Politics and Society Classroom
- Theories of Nationalism

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Sociological and Political Studies provides an excellent foundation to pursue diverse careers in public, private and non-governmental sectors including in: public administration; local, national, EU and international government bodies; public and social policy research and analysis; communications, public relations, journalism and media; community development, social work and social services; education, youthwork and advocacy.

STUDY ABROAD

There are opportunities to study in another European university in Third Year under the ERASMUS scheme (e.g., in Belgium, Finland, Netherland or Estonia) or to study for one semester at a university in the USA or Canada. If you take Sociological and Political Studies with a modern European language you will be required to spend a year in a country where the language you are learning is spoken.

Find Out More

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