What will I study?

**In year 1** you will explore the key concepts and skills you need to understand the fundamentals of sociological analysis and inquiry.

**In year 2** you’ll choose a range of modules based on academic staff research expertise whilst gaining a solid grounding in theory and research methods, applying this to different social contexts.

**In your final year** you will choose modules on themes like social theory, human rights, racialised identities, migration, intimate relations, and crime and disorder. You can also create your own specialist research study for your dissertation.
Our friendly, close-knit team will help you get the most out of the course. You will have your own academic advisor from within the Sociology team (or your other subject if you choose to combine) and all lecturers have scheduled office hours where you’ll be encouraged to discuss your work and ideas outside of the classroom.

83% of Sociology students felt that the staff are good at explaining things

Sociology in Oxford

You will be able to join the Oxford Union and witness world-renowned debates and talks from international politicians and leaders, sports stars and celebrities.

The Bodleian Libraries are another invaluable and unique resource that you’ll be able to take advantage of as a dissertation student.

London is a short coach journey away with a stop right in front of Brookes’ Headington Campus, so you’ll find it easy to get to London’s museums and attend talks.
“Being in Oxford is really helpful when it comes to studying, having access to Oxford University facilities like the Bodleian Libraries and the Oxford Union is fantastic.”
MALIKA TALGAT, SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICS, 2017

83% of Sociology students were satisfied with the course
2017 National Student Survey.
Source: Unistats.
“I never get bored of working towards my degree because it involves so many different themes and opportunities – never being stuck on the same old topics makes my studies so interesting!”

HOLLY JOSCELYNE, SOCIOLOGY AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, 2017
Research and expertise

Your lecturers are active researchers with strong reputations. They draw on their own research to create modules that you’ll love.

Our areas of staff research expertise include:

- ‘Race’, ethnicity, exclusion, and identity
- International migration and social inequalities
- Gender, social class, and the body
- Motherhood, fatherhood, and masculinities

We encourage you to become a researcher in your own right in your time at Brookes. The analytical and independent study skills you develop will add weight to your CV.
Work experience and employment

Oxford has one the greatest proportions of ‘knowledge intensive’ employees of any English city, and Oxfordshire boasts one of the highest numbers of NGOs outside London. You are definitely in an excellent position to get work experience and develop your career whilst you’re a student at Oxford Brookes.

Brookes Sociology graduates have gone on to careers in management, education, international development, recruitment, research, social work, and often engage in postgraduate study.
“I particularly liked the practical aspect of the course and the emphasis on presentation skills and teamwork. I also learnt to think critically about people’s behaviour through developing research and analytical skills.”

LEILA SIDIQI, SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND CULTURE GRADUATE
Study abroad

Sociology students are encouraged to study abroad, and this is a really popular option. Recent social sciences undergraduates have spent time studying at universities in Canada, Australia, and the Netherlands.

Sociology has additional Erasmus links with Gothenburg University in Sweden and the Free University in Amsterdam, so if you’re interested in expanding your international experience you can choose to study abroad as part of your degree.
“The skills of critical assessment for statistics and problem solving are key in the job market, and the overall skills gained from studying sociology are invaluable.”

MARC BATT, SOCIOLOGY AND HISTORY GRADUATE
Combinations

You can choose to study Sociology as a single or combined honours degree. Popular combinations with Sociology include:

Politics

Anthropology

Philosophy

International Relations

The flexible approach at Brookes also means that both single and combined honours students may be able to study modules from outside of their course in their first year.