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Scoil na hEolaíochta Polaitiúla
agus na Socheolaíochta
School of Political Science
and Sociology



Bachelor of Science (Social Science)

COURSE OUTLINE

Year One

- Introduction to the Study of Social Sciences
- Digital Skills for the Social Sciences
- Introduction to Sociology
- Practicing Sociology
- Introduction to Politics
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- Digital Citizenship
- Introduction to Economic Policy
- Geography in Practice
- Principles of Human Geography
- Principles of Physical Geography

Year Two

- Introduction to Sustainability
- Research Methods for Social and Political Science
- Cooperative Learning and Group Research Methods
- Social Issues and Policy Responses
- Sociology of Health
- European Politics
- Introduction to GIS
- Theory and Practice in Geography
- Political and Cultural Geography: Identity, Race and the Nation
- Classical Social Thought
- Modern Political Thought

Year Three

- Professional Skills and Pathways for Social Scientists
- Megatrends
- Work Placement for Social Scientists
- Research Placement for Social Scientists
- International Work Placement for Social Scientists
- Global Engagement
- Space, Place and the Irish Landscape
- Economics of Public and Social Policy
- Biogeography
- Development and Change
- Aimsir agus Aeráid/ Weather and Climate
- Equality, Diversity and Collective Action

Year Four

- Research Seminar in Social Sciences
- Research Project Design and Development
- Geographical Perspectives on Rural Change
- Political Sociology
- Migration, Mobility and Belonging
- Thinking Politically: The Power of Ideas
- Contemporary American Politics
- War and Representation: Spaces and Politics of the Media
- Comparative Public Policy
- European Women's Studies
- Contemporary African Politics
- Youth and Society
- Care Power and Information
- Sociology of Environment
- Migration, Mobility and Belonging
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Critical Geographies of Children

Further Studies

Graduates will be eligible to apply to a range of MA programmes including the MA in Public Policy, MA in Politics and Sociology, MA in Gender Globalisation and Rights and MA in Community Youth and Family.

- The BSc in Social Sciences is a four-year applied social science degree providing students with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to tackle the most pressing social, ecological, political and economic challenges of our times.
- This interdisciplinary course exposes graduates to multiple perspectives, building their capacities to respond to complex societal issues with innovative solutions that cannot be provided by one discipline alone.
- The programme focuses on the applied nature of the social sciences in order to equip students with practical research skills while also supporting career development and readiness to pursue employment and further educational opportunities in diverse fields where social science competencies are vital.
- The BSc in Social Sciences offers a range of internship, project and international experiences that develop students' competencies to undertake social scientific research and translate findings into action.

It allows for the synthesis of ideas from diverse disciplines and perspectives because the challenges facing all of us - whether food or energy security, clean transport or public health for example - cannot be solved by a single field of science or technology.



Career Prospects

The BSc (Social Sciences) prepares students for careers in government bodies from local to EU and international levels; Irish and global NGOs; community and international development; security and crime prevention; urban planning and sustainability; business and industry; human resources, marketing and public relations; journalism and media; education and social research.

Applied Learning

A distinctive feature of the BSc in Social Science is a strong focus on the applied nature of the social sciences, which equips students with practical skills in designing, conducting, and disseminating research. The skill set acquired by students enables them to be proactive leaders across multiple societal, cultural, economic and policy domains where interdisciplinary research ability is in demand. An eight-month work placement in Year Three provides real world experience and interactions with programme partners that enhance the employability of graduates of the course.



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