Department of Sociology
Applicant Day

Dr Thomas Roberts
Admissions officer

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“I am passionate about Sociology due to the ability to analyse the wider society and how different aspects of society function to maintain social order.

“Studying Sociology allows you to think about what you are learning in a different way to many other subjects, and allows you to link these ideas with the world around you, both in the past and present day.”

Hannah Kilvington, BSc (Hons) Sociology

“I decided to study Criminology and Sociology because I was studying both Law and Sociology at A Level and saw the programme as a way of combining these, while gaining a deeper understanding of the theory.

“Studying Criminology and Sociology at Surrey probes you to ask questions you may not have thought of previously and think in ways that you wouldn’t normally.”

Jayne Katete, BSc (Hons) Criminology and Sociology

“Media and Communications has allowed me to look at the world differently. Whether it’s questioning what kinds of personal data are being collected and who has the power to use it, or being more critical of the media in the era of ‘fake news’. This course gives you the opportunity to question the world around you and gives you the tools to analyse the implications of what it means to live in a world that is becoming increasingly ‘smart’.”

Holly Butteriss, BSc Media, Culture and Society
The University of Surrey has Gold award in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

All our degree programs perform consistently well in the various league tables. We are currently 2nd for Criminology in the Guardian University Guide 2020.
Our learning & teaching approach

» Open-door policy

» Opportunities to discuss cutting-edge research with staff

» Diverse range of teaching styles: lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops, virtual workshops

» Diverse range of assessment: not just exams and essays, but portfolios of work, group projects, dissertations, presentations and online tasks

» Dissertations are fully supported by a series of workshops and one-to-one tutorials.

“My lecturers are fantastic because they are all active social researchers. They are real experts on the topics we learn and therefore, they are very useful when answering questions, which they do so willingly and passionately.”

Sophie Ruffett, BSc Sociology
Our learning & teaching approach

» Visits/talks
Creating a community
At the forefront of current issues

» Our Department of Sociology blog posts highlight just a few of the current topics and debates we’re involved in…

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Professional Training year

- **Distinctive** feature of all our programmes
- Develop the skills and experience to be an **employable graduate**
- **Dedicated support team** (senior Professional Training placement tutor, plus senior lecturer with responsibility for PTP, plus personal tutors).

### Market Research
- National Centre for Social Research
- Surrey Social and Market Research
- Defense Analytical Services Agency
- British Market Research Bureau

### Policing/Justice
- HM Prison Wormwood Scrubs
- Broadmoor Hospital
- Metropolitan Police
- HM Prison Inspectorate
- National Centre for Policing Excellence
- Victim Support
- Youth Justice Board

### Health
- Great Ormond Street Hospital
- National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy
- Action on Addiction
- Southampton Primary Care Trust

### Communication & Media
- Firefly Communications
- 96.4 Eagle Radio
- IPC Media Group

### Commercial
- Walt Disney Studios
- L’Oreal
- IBM
- Hays Recruitment
- Exxon Mobil
- GE Energy
- L’Occitane

### Government & Charity
- Home Office
- YouGov
- Sure Start
- Help the Aged
A global perspective

» International exchange

- Option to spend your second year at the University of Maryland (USA)
- We welcome exchange students from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Germany (amongst others)
- ERASMUS agreements in place with Copenhagen, Denmark and Tübingen, Germany
- Students can also apply to University-wide partners
- Professional Training year programme includes the option of spending 100 per cent studying abroad or 50 per cent of the year working and 50 per cent of the year studying abroad.

“I made the decision to come to Surrey because of the international opportunities for personal development. During my time at Surrey I have studied at the University of Maryland in the US as well as Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. My experiences abroad have made me grow in ways I never thought were possible.”

Khulani Gavin Nyathi, BSc (Hons) Sociology

https://surrey.moveon4.com/publisher/1/eng
Employment prospects

» **Dedicated careers and employability officer** who has designated office hours

» **Workshops, personality tests, interview technique** sessions available throughout your time at Surrey

» **Social Scientist Careers Event** – guest speakers from industry will talk about different career options.

Graduates over the last few years entered employment in roles such as:

- HM Inspectorate of Prisons – Research Officer
- National Centre for Social Research – Research Assistant
- Ipsos Mori – Executive Assistant
- Metropolitan Police – Research Analyst
- Mototrak – Online Marketing Executive
- Senwick – Graduate Trainee
Our programmes

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BSc (Hons) Criminology

Year 1
- Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems
- Introduction to Criminological Theories
- Crime and Society (with study skills)
- Concepts of Criminal Law
- Fundamentals of Forensic Science for Social Scientists
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Quantitative Methods 1
- Qualitative Field Methods

Year 2
- Using Research for Policy, Practice and Impact
- Crime, Community Safety and Crime Prevention
- Psychology of Criminal Behaviour
- Applied Criminological Theories
- Punishment and Society
- Quantitative Methods 2

Year 3
- Dissertation
- Youth, Crime and Control
- Prisons and Prisoners
- Policing and the Police

OPTIONAL MODULES*
- Crime, Power and Justice;
- Crime and Technology;
- Poverty, Welfare and the State;
- Internet and Society; Crime and Media; Green Criminology

Hate Crime; Sociology of Education; International Criminal Law; Criminology of Pleasure; Sociology of Mental Health; Cybercrime and Cybersecurity; Corporate Crime and Corporate Responsibility

*option modules correct for 2019-20. Not all modules are available each year
BSc (Hons) Sociology

### Year 1
- Current Sociology: Topics and Issues (with study skills)
- Introduction to Classical Sociological Thinkers
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Quantitative Methods 1
- Sociology of Contemporary Societies
- Making Sense of Everyday Life
- Qualitative Field Methods
- Introduction to Popular Culture.

### Year 2
- Critical Sociological Thinking
- Using Research for Policy, Practice and Impact
- Dimensions of Social Change
- Quantitative Methods 2.

### Year 3
- Dissertation

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

| Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Health and Illness; Migration and the Politics of Identity; Drugs and Society; Poverty, Welfare and the State; Everyday Consumption and its Consequences; Internet and Society | Sociology of Sexualities; Cultures of Race and Racism; Sociology of Education; Popular Music and Society; Understanding Youth Cultures; Sociology of Mental Health; Families and Society; Hate Crime; Sociology of Travel and Tourism |

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BSc (Hons) Criminology & Sociology

### Year 1
- Introduction to Classical Sociological Thinkers
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Quantitative Methods 1
- Crime and Society
- Making Sense of Everyday Life
- Qualitative Methods
- Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems
- Introduction to Criminological Theories.

### Year 2
- Using Research for Policy, Practice and Impact
- Applied Criminological Theories
- Crime, Power and Justice
- Quantitative Methods 2.

### Year 3
- Dissertation

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

Crime and Technology; Drugs and Society; Psychology of Criminal Behaviour; Crime and Media; Crime and Technology; Poverty, Welfare and the State; Sociology of Health and Illness; Sociology of Gender; Crime, Community Safety and Crime Prevention: Punishment and Society; Green Criminology; Art, Popular Culture and Society; Everyday Consumption and its Consequences

Cultures of Race and Racism; Sociology of Mental Health; Sociology of Education; Popular Music and Society; Hate Crime; Youth, Crime and Control; Prisons and Prisoners; Families and Society; Sociology of Sexualities; Policing and the Police; Cyber Crime and Cyber Security; Corporate Crime and Corporate Responsibility; Criminology of Pleasure

*option modules correct for 2019-20. Not all modules are available each year*
**BSc (Hons) Media & Communication**

### Year 1
- Theories and Concepts in Media and Communication
- Media, Communication and Society
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Quantitative Methods 1
- Study Skills
- Contemporary Issues in Media and Communication
- Communicating Difference in Visual Representations
- Qualitative Field Methods
- Popular Culture in Mediated Societies.

### Year 2
- Media, Power and Regulation
- Communicating Research for Policy, Practice and Impact
- Audiences and Users in Media and Communication
- Analysing Media and Digital Communication
- Global Media and Communication
- Communicating Culture: Concepts and Frameworks.

### Year 3
- Dissertation
- Data and the Digital in Platform Societies
- Public Relations in a Digital Age.

**OPTIONAL MODULES***

- Hollywood and the Business of Film; Understanding Animation; Everyday Consumption and its Consequences; Migration and the Politics of Identity
- Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Health and Illness, Internet and Society
- Crime and Media, Crime and Technology

- Political Communication; Cultures of Race and Racism; Music, Media and Society; Sociology of Education; Hate Crime; Sociology of Sexualities; Sociology of Mental Health; Youth, Cultures and Media; Families and Society.

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Examples of previous dissertations

Just a snapshot...

• Changes in the domestic division of labour
• Analysis of the importance of religion/spirituality in Narcotics Anonymous
• Experiences of young people coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual
• Why young people chose to go to University
• Radio news production/filtering
• Presentation of self on social networking sites
• Gender in hip hop videos
• Gaming subcultures
• Social conventions of mobile music listening
• Representations of the London riots
• Institutional racism in the police
• Islamophobia and the rise of the far-right
• Public opinion of punishment in England and Wales
• Young offenders’ views of police procedural justice
• Differences in sentencing of male and female violent offenders.
Department of Sociology on social media

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