



Society and Public Service (SBS3)

This pathway offers the opportunity to study Social Policy and Sociology and to take a series of specialist modules aimed at preparing you for further study in social research and policy analysis. The pathway develops an understanding of the complex interactions between individuals, society, public service provision, policy formation and achieving societal change.

The pathway prepares students for careers where they are involved with shaping the nature and structures of the societies in which we live in. The courses you will take focus on understanding a wide range of social services, public sociology, economic aspects of social policy, policy formation and evaluation.

Stage 2

50 Programme Credits

10 Elective Credits

CORE Modules:

Code	Title	Credit
SOC20100	Sociological Theory Level 2	5
SOC20270	Sociology Health & Inequality	5
SPOL20050	Economics of Social Policy	5
SPOL20210	Investigating Social Services	5
SPOL28120	Comparing Welfare States in Europe & Asia	5
SOC20260	Quantitative Sociology	5

SELECT 2 from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SOC20040	Sociology of Gender	5
SOC20170	Economic Sociology	5
SOC20230	Analytical Sociology	5
SOC20210	Animals and Human Society	5
SOC20280	Childhood & Family	5
SOC20300	Intro to Social Simulation	5

OPTION Modules:

SELECT 2 from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SPOL28130	Crime, the Justice System & Social Services	5
SSJ20010	Childhood Inequality in a Global Context	5
SPOL28140	EU Social Policy	5
SPOL20280	Housing Policies, Neighbourhoods and Homes	5
SPOL20260	Social Protection: Security, Work and Poverty	5

Stage 3

50
Programme Credits

10
Elective Credits

CORE Modules:

Code	Title	Credit
SOC30360	Sociology of Migration, Race and Ethnicity	5
SOC30390	Punishment and Social Control	5
SOC30410	Qualitative Research	5
SPOL30010	Policy-making, Implementation & Evaluation	5
SPOL38270	Gender, Inequality & Social Policy	5
SPOL30280	Social Policy Capstone Essay	5

OPTION Modules:

SELECT 1
from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SOC30330	Currents in Contemporary Theory	5
SOC30370	Historical Sociology	5
SOC30380	Social Dynamics and Networks	5
SOC30100	American Society	5
SOC30270	Sociology of War and Violence	5
SOC30350	Work and Social Stratification	5
SOC30420	Deception: The Social, Moral & Economic Foundations of Lying	5
SOC30440	Sociology of the Body	5

SELECT 3
from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SPOL30220	Social Policy, Social Justice and the Environment	5
SSJ30030	Disability and Equality	5
SPOL38210	Migration, Racism and Irish Society	5
SPOL38190	Child Abuse, Sexual + Domestic	5
SPOL38200	Analysis Health & Social Care Policy	5
SPOL38220	Family Policy in Comparative Perspective	5

Careers Opportunities

Students taking this path can progress to careers with national, EU and international governments as well as roles with a range of NGO's including migrant support organisations, community development groups, social housing and homelessness organisations, family support projects, child welfare advocacy services, addiction services, community activism, social activism, eco-sustainability and representative organisations.

Graduate Study Opportunities

This pathway relates to an number of post graduate degrees at UCD including the Master of Public Policy, Masters programmes in Sociology, the MSc in Equality Studies and the MA in Gender studies.



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