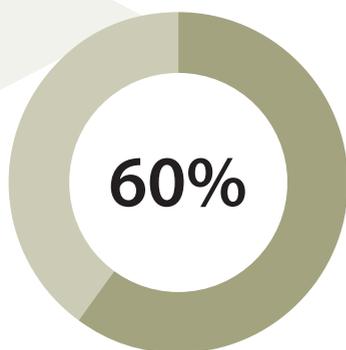




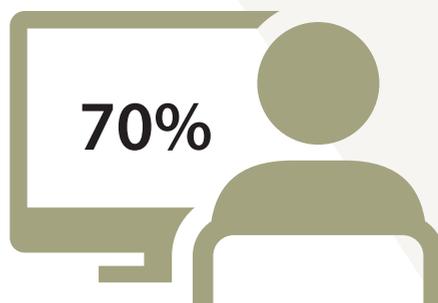
HUMANITIES

The humanities provide fantastic training in building an argument, understanding how it is people who create outcomes and how relationships underpin all forms of human activity. They train you to distil vast amounts of information and they teach you to appreciate creativity. A student of the humanities who has been well taught will be able to think, will be able to see the connections between ideas, and will not only accept, but embrace change.

Careers in social sciences include economics, management, business studies, anthropology, sociology, criminology, human geography, media studies, town planning, education and politics.



of the UK's leaders have humanities, arts or social science degrees.



of social science graduates work professional or associated technical occupations

No. of credits

18

SCQF

Level: 6

Locations

All Argyll College centres

What next

HNC Social Sciences

This course will provide you with a deeper understanding of many different social science subjects. You will look at theoretical perspectives as well as applying real world examples to Sociology, Psychology and Criminology.

The course will introduce you to Psychology, Sociology, Politics and Criminology and you may also study units from History, Geography and Economics. You will also undertake the Volunteering Skills Award.

The Volunteering Skills Award is an integral component of the course and will provide you with an important insight into the voluntary sector, as well as a short work placement with a voluntary organisation, increasing your employability skills. You may study any of the component units or Higher courses on a part-time basis.

Study and**Assessment Methods**

You will learn by way of face-to-face lectures and tutorials which will often be delivered by video conference. There will be extensive use of online resources to enhance delivery of the course.

Entry Requirements

Four National 5s or equivalent including two Bs (one of the four must be English plus one more in a subject related to those listed in the course content). Alternatively, satisfactory attainment of a related SCQF Level 5 course or equivalent would be acceptable. For optional components, there will also be individual entry requirements according to the subject area concerned.

Applications are encouraged from mature students who do not possess formal qualifications but have appropriate understanding to meet the academic demands of the course.

Career Options

A range of roles in private and public sector as well as the third sector, such as social services, social care, youth, community, or police and voluntary organisations.





SCQF

Level: 15

SCQF

Level: 7

Locations

All Argyll College centres

What next

You can progress to the second year of the BA (Hons) Social Sciences degree or to one of our range of single and joint honours degrees in history, Scottish history, politics and sociology and criminology.

The study of social sciences aims to stimulate your curiosity about the constantly changing world in which we live and to equip you with the capacity to understand and critically analyse it.

The Social Sciences HNC will help you to find answers to the bigger questions in our society.

You will examine why it is that some people do not fit in; if democracy works; if young offenders should be imprisoned and what it is that makes people commit acts of terrorism. You will gain the skills and knowledge you need for a career working with people and the community.

If you want to find out what is happening around you: in your home, in your street, in society and in the world, then this is the course for you.

Study and Assessment Methods

You'll be assessed continuously throughout your course and will undertake some formal examinations at the end of the course.

Entry Requirements

One Scottish Higher at grade C or above, preferably including English, History or Modern Studies or one A level at grade D or above, preference for English or History or the NC Social Science.

Prospective students without the standard entry requirements as listed above are encouraged to apply. You may be required to attend an interview and may be asked to demonstrate your discursive writing skills.

Career Options

Your HNC Social Sciences qualification will open up a number of career opportunities in the public, private and voluntary sectors..

SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY BA (HONS)

SCQF

Levels: 8-10

Locations

All Argyll College centres

The BA (Hons) Sociology and Criminology will give you a solid grounding in both disciplines with an emphasis on the value of empirical and theoretical approaches. The course explores the changing nature of the social world and of crime, and addresses the social, political, historical and individual forces behind such changes.

The context for both subjects is contemporary Highlands and Islands and British communities, as well as international perspectives, looking at their similarities and differences.

The degree also draws on other subjects such as history, research methods, social policy and socio-legal studies. You will have the opportunity to combine the study of the social world with the study of crime and its control.

The joint nature of the degree will give you greater flexibility in employment, advanced study and research opportunities.



Study and Assessment Methods

You can study either full or part time. You will learn through a combination of face-to-face and video conference lectures and tutorials, and online study via the university's virtual learning environment (VLE) with support from your tutors.

Entry Requirements

For direct entry to Year 2 - HNC Social Science (12 SCQF credits) with 3 additional SCQF credits at level 7 which is equivalent to 120 degree credit points, and at least grade C in the Graded Unit will be considered for direct entry to year two.



Career Options

You will also have a wide range of employment opportunities in the commercial, statutory and voluntary sectors including: teaching, social work, community work, social policy and management, policing.

SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICS BA (HONS)

If you are interested in the social and political world, the BA (Hons) Sociology and Politics gives you the opportunity to study a range of subjects to increase your knowledge of people, politics and society.

You will study a range of themes, methods and subjects, investigating important social and political issues such as poverty, crime, terror and freedom.

The joint honours degree in two complementary subjects will give you greater flexibility in employment, advanced study and research opportunities. You can study full time or part time to suit your personal circumstances or study individual modules for personal or professional development.

Study and Assessment Methods

You can study either full or part time. You will learn through a combination of face-to-face and video conference lectures and tutorials, and online study via the university's virtual learning environment (VLE) with support from your tutors.

Entry Requirements

For direct entry to Year 2 - HNC Social Science (12 SCQF credits) with 3 additional SCQF credits at level 7 which is equivalent to 120 degree credit points, and at least grade C in the Graded Unit.

Career Options:

Teaching and research, television and media, social policy in national and local government, marketing.

SCQF

Levels: 8-10

Locations

All Argyll College centres



PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS BA (HONS)

SCQF

Levels: 8-10

Locations

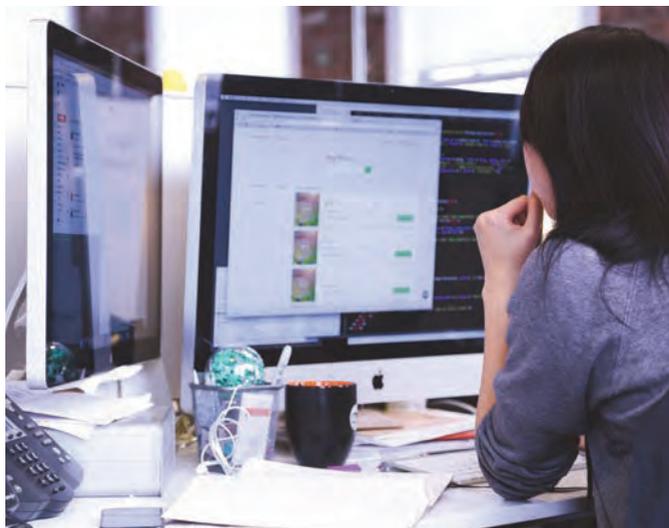
All Argyll College centres

This multidisciplinary BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics offers the unique opportunity to study the three most influential realities impacting people's lives and is a comprehensive programme aimed at developing the leaders of the future.

Economics: You will examine how economic agents (individuals, households, and businesses) and markets behave and interact, and are influenced by aspects such as inflation, economic growth and unemployment, and monetary and fiscal policy.

Politics: You will examine the different ways in which politics shapes our lives and is organised differently around the world. The programme looks at various forms of governance from clans, upwards to modern local governments, institutions, sovereign states and finally to international level.

Philosophy: The philosophy element will help you to think logically and coherently; to construct compelling arguments; and will enhance your ability to analyse critically, assumptions and theories.



You will have the opportunity to explore and understand key themes within the three disciplines and will be encouraged to debate, discuss and critically think about issues in life and society.

Study and Assessment Methods

You can study either full or part time. You will learn through a combination of face-to-face and video conference lectures and tutorials, and online study via the university's virtual learning environment (VLE) with support from your tutors.

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Career Options

You will gain skills that will enable you to pursue careers in various fields including economics, local and national government, and civil and diplomatic services.



