

Degree Structure MA (Social Sciences)

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This presentation describes the structure of undergraduate MA Social Sciences degrees at the University of Glasgow.

MA (SocSci) Degree Programmes

- Business & Management
- Business Economics
- Central & East European Studies
- Economic & Social History
- Economics
- Geography*
- Politics
- Psychology*
- Social & Public Policy
- Sociology

The University of Glasgow offers Flexible MA Social Sciences degrees in the areas listed.

Geography* and Psychology* may be studied as Social Science, Arts or Science subjects at Glasgow. Although the course content will be the same for each of these programmes, the structure of the degree will be different.

Other College of Social Sciences Degrees

- Accountancy (BAcc)
- Education degrees (MEduc, etc)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (Dumfries Campus)
- Law (LLB)

Listed on screen are the college of Social Sciences subject areas which do not follow the MA SocSci flexible degree structure. These include Accountancy, Education and Law degrees and also programmes offered by the School of Interdisciplinary Studies in Dumfries.

MA (SocSci) Degree Programmes

- MA (SocSci)
- Four year honours
- 10 single, 77 joint options
- Advanced entry options available
- Study three subjects in Year 1
- Study three subjects in Year 2

The flexible Social Science degrees are studied as a 4-year Master of Arts honours degree or MA (SocSci). Although it is called a Master of Arts it is the equivalent of an undergraduate bachelor's degree.

If you have excellent A-level or Advanced Higher grades it is possible to gain exemption from year 1 study and enter directly into year 2 allowing you to complete your degree in one year less than usual. This would allow for the completion of a standard MA SocSci honours degree within three years. However, this does not apply to all degree programmes or subjects. Any applicant interested in advanced entry should contact the Social Science admissions officer.

In year 1 all MA Social Sciences students will study three subjects with equal weighting given to each subject. Similarly, students complete three subjects in year 2.

We will now look at how this works in practice.

Example MA(Hons)(SocSci) Degree Single Honours

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 1

Politics
Level 1

Economics
Level 1

Geography
Level 1

Shown is an example degree structure for a Politics student at the University of Glasgow.

Alongside Politics two other subjects are studied. These are most commonly Social Sciences but there may be the opportunity to choose one Arts or Sciences or Language subject as well.

In years 1 and 2 the time is split equally between all three subjects.

Applicants can apply to a single honours or joint honours degree. Most applicants choose their second and third subject when they register to begin University.

Example MA(Hons)(SocSci) Degree Single Honours

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Politics
Level 2

Economics
Level 2

Sociology
Level 1

Year 1

Politics
Level 1

Economics
Level 1

Geography
Level 1

In year 2, students take two subjects to level 2 and select a new third subject, in this case, Sociology. The third subject is studied at level 1 and widens the academic context of the degree. There are a range of options across the Social Sciences, Arts and Languages.

Example MA(Hons)(SocSci) Degree Single Honours

Year 4	Politics Senior Honours		
Year 3	Politics Junior Honours		
Year 2	Politics Level 2	Economics Level 2	Sociology Level 1
Year 1	Politics Level 1	Economics Level 1	Geography Level 1

At the end of year 2, students choose their final honours discipline.

The example demonstrates a single honours degree in Politics. The other options in this example would be a single honours degree in Economics or a joint honours, Politics and Economics. Decisions regarding progression to honours will be based on academic performance.

Example MA(Hons)(SocSci) Degree

Joint Honours

Year 4	Politics Senior Honours	Economics Senior Honours	
Year 3	Politics Junior Honours	Economics Junior Honours	
Year 2	Politics Level 2	Economics Level 2	Sociology Level 1
Year 1	Politics Level 1	Economics Level 1	Geography Level 1

For a joint honours degree the structure is the same in year 1 and year 2. The choice of honours subject is again made at the end of year 2.

Joint honours split their time equally between their 2 subjects.

In the final year a dissertation is completed for one subject. Joint honours students do not have to write two dissertations.

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For more information about the Social Science degree structure at the University of Glasgow please visit our website.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/choosingyourdegree>