

# SOCIAL & POLICY SCIENCES

## Introduction

The Department of Social and Policy Sciences ([www.bath.ac.uk/soc-pol](http://www.bath.ac.uk/soc-pol)) includes academics from social policy, sociology and social work. It has a strong research record and was awarded a Grade 5 rating in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise. It was also rated "Excellent" in its most recent Teaching Quality Assessment.

The Department is committed to advancing learning and knowledge through teaching and research. It collaborates with a wide range of users at the local, national, European and global levels.

## Postgraduate programmes

The Department currently delivers the following taught postgraduate programmes:

- MSc Business and Community
- MSc Death & Society
- MSc Globalisation and International Policy Analysis
- MSc International Social Policy
- MSc Social Research

AND a number of ESRC-recognised Faculty-level Master of Research (MRes) programmes:

- MRes European Social Policy
- MRes Social Policy
- MRes Social Work
- MRes Sociology

The Department also has an active MPhil/PhD research programme.

The Department takes pride in fostering a friendly and supportive learning environment.

## Main areas of research

Our research is focused on social policy issues, is broadly conceived, and is strongly interdisciplinary. Key research areas include:

- childhood and youth
- work, business and welfare
- health and social care
- death and dying
- globalisation, wellbeing and governance
- policy analysis and design

In addition to contributing to a greater understanding of these social issues, our research includes the analysis of policy outcomes, governance and politics of policymaking, and policy implementation and practice. There is a strong comparative, cross-national element to our research, attracting funding from a wide variety of national and international sources.

Interdisciplinarity and collaborative research and teaching is of key importance to the Department. For example, we work closely with the Department of Economics and International Development.

The Department is host to a number of Research Centres:

- **Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy (CASP)** [www.bath.ac.uk/casp](http://www.bath.ac.uk/casp)
- **Centre for Death and Society (CDAS)** [www.bath.ac.uk/cdas](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas)
- **European Research Institute (ERI)** [www.bath.ac.uk/eri](http://www.bath.ac.uk/eri)

and is closely associated with:

- **Centre for Business, Organisations and Society** [www.bath.ac.uk/cbos](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cbos)
- **The Centre for Women's Studies** [www.bath.ac.uk/esml/wsc](http://www.bath.ac.uk/esml/wsc)
- **The School of Management, Work and Employment Research Centre (WERC)** [www.bath.ac.uk/werc](http://www.bath.ac.uk/werc)

Three major journals are edited in the Department:

- The Journal of European Social Policy <http://esp.sagepub.com>
- Mortality (journal of death studies) [www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13576275.asp](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13576275.asp)
- Work, Employment and Society <http://wes.sagepub.com>

The Department has a regular programme of visits from national and international scholars. It also has numerous research links with national and international organisations such as the World Bank and the ILO, the European Union, UK government departments and agencies, European trade unions and civil society organisations as well as universities and research centres throughout the world.

## Seminar series

The Department runs a lively and well attended research seminar series for staff and postgraduate students with external and internal speakers. There is also a postgraduate research seminar series. Each of the Research Centres run seminar series associated with their research activities.

## Facilities and equipment

The University of Bath has excellent library facilities for social science research and holds the European Documentation Centre.

## Careers information

The Department is committed to ensuring that postgraduate students acquire a range of subject-specific and generic skills during their training. Our graduates generally go on to work in a wide variety of organisations, for example:

- social research in universities and research institutes, government, business, voluntary organisations and international organisations
- public policy analysis at local, national and international levels
- public information and campaigning within organisations concerned with wellbeing, sustainability and social justice.

# Research Degrees

## MPhil/PhD

Qualifications and durations

<b>Full-time MPhil</b>	1-3 years
<b>Full-time PhD</b>	2-4 years
<b>Part-time MPhil</b>	2-4 years
<b>Part-time PhD</b>	3-6 years

### Overview

Students are expected to carry out supervised research at the leading edge of their chosen subject, which must then be written up as a substantial thesis. The transfer from MPhil to PhD is subject to students passing an assessment process, which normally involves submission of written work and a transfer seminar.

The final stage of the PhD degree is the oral or viva voce examination, in which students are required to defend the thesis to a Board of Examiners.

Key features of the MPhil/PhD programme include:

- an opportunity to undertake original, in-depth research in subject areas of specialism within the Department, including social policy, sociology and social work
- internationally-renowned academics along with many student-led initiatives contributing to a vibrant research community
- a multi-disciplinary approach reflected in cross-departmental projects, for example with the Department of Economics & International Development
- availability of research training, recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council.

**Academic entry requirements**  
First or upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate subject.

### English requirements

IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components)

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

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Fees in 2008-9

<b>FT</b>	H £4000	O £10000
<b>PT</b>	H £2000	O £5000

Please see the advice on p15 about part-time registration for overseas fee payers.

# Taught Degrees

## MRes European Social Policy

Qualifications and durations

<b>Full-time MRes</b>	1 year
<b>Full-time PG Diploma Research</b>	9 months

**Full-time PG Certificate Research**  
4 months

**Part-time MRes**  
2 to 5 years

**Part-time PG Diploma Research**  
21 months

**Part-time PG Certificate Research**  
16 months

### Overview

The programme is designed for:

- those developing careers as policy analysts and applied researchers in national, European or international social or public policy organisations
- middle and senior ranking staff in the public, private or voluntary sectors of social policy as a mid-career re-training
- prospective PhD students.

The programme combines the academic study of European Social Policy with a comprehensive exploration of research methods and skills. This takes place within an active research community where students are supported in identifying, investigating and realising their own original research.

The programme intake is limited to 16 students per year, fostering a friendly and supportive learning environment.

**Academic entry requirements**  
Applicants for the programme must normally have been awarded a university degree to a good standard or have obtained relevant professional or academic qualifications.

**English requirements**  
IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components)

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

**Unique funding opportunities**  
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) recognised programme, suitable for ESRC-funded 1+3 awards or subsequent +3 applications.

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Fees in 2008-9

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<b>FT Dip</b>	H £3170	O £6880
<b>FT Cert</b>	H £1330	O £3440
<b>PT MRes</b>	H £2000	O £5150
<b>PT Dip</b>	H £1585	O £3440

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## MRes Social Policy

Qualifications and durations

**Full-time MRes**  
1 year

**Full-time PG Diploma Research**  
9 months

**Full-time PG Certificate Research**  
4 months

**Part-time MRes**  
2 to 5 years

**Part-time PG Diploma Research**  
21 months

**Part-time PG Certificate Research**  
16 months

### Overview

The programme is designed for:

- those developing careers as policy analysts or applied researchers in national or international social or public policy organisations, charities or government departments
- prospective PhD students in social or public policy.

The programme combines the academic study of social policy with a comprehensive exploration of research methods. Students develop experience and skills through analysing, comparing and evaluating social and public policies. Within an active research community students are supported in identifying, investigating and realising their own original research. We encourage diversity of intake regarding experience, qualifications and interests to stimulate the mutual experience and learning.

**Academic entry requirements**  
Applicants for the programme must normally have been awarded a university degree to a good standard or have obtained relevant professional or academic qualifications.

# Taught Degrees

English requirements  
IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

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Fees in 2008-9

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<b>FT Dip</b>	H £3170	O £6880
<b>FT Cert</b>	H £1330	O £3440
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## MRes Sociology

Qualifications and durations

**Full-time MRes**  
1 year

**Full-time PG Diploma Research**  
9 months

**Full-time PG Certificate Research**  
4 months

**Part-time MRes**  
2 to 5 years

**Part-time PG Diploma Research**  
21 months

**Part-time PG Certificate Research**  
16 months

Overview

Reviews systematically, and evaluates critically, alternative approaches, methodologies and paradigms of research in sociology.

- Reviews systematically, and evaluates critically, the application of these approaches in the specific areas of social enquiry in which students are specialising.
- Supports students, within an active research community, in identifying, investigating and realising their own original research.

- Equips students with the skills to contribute to research projects using any of the main methodologies of the social sciences.

The programme comprises a mix of Faculty-wide research-based units and departmental disciplinary-based specialisations.

Programme intake limited to 16 students per year, fostering a friendly and supportive learning environment.

Academic entry requirements  
A good first degree (normally at least an upper second class honours degree) in a relevant social science discipline.

English requirements  
IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

Unique funding opportunities  
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Fees in 2008-9

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<b>FT Dip</b>	H £3170	O £6880
<b>FT Cert</b>	H £1330	O £3440
<b>PT MRes</b>	H £2000	O £5150
<b>PT Dip</b>	H £1585	O £3440

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## MRes Social Work

Qualifications and durations

**Full-time MRes**  
1 year

**Full-time PG Diploma Research**  
9 months

**Full-time PG Certificate Research**  
4 months

**Part-time MRes**  
2 to 5 years

**Part-time PG Diploma Research**  
21 months

**Part-time PG Certificate Research**  
16 months

Overview

The programme is designed for:

- research training; it is not a qualifying programme for those seeking to become social work practitioners
- those developing careers as applied researchers and evaluators in social care
- prospective PhD students in Social Work.

The programme systematically reviews and critically evaluates a range of theories, methodologies and paradigms of research that are relevant to social work, and the application of these to specific areas of social enquiry in which students are specialising. Within an active research community students are supported in identifying, investigating and realising their own research. Students are equipped with the skills to contribute to social work research projects using any of the main methodologies of the social sciences.

Academic entry requirements

Normally a first degree in the social sciences or an upper second class or equivalent first degree in another subject plus relevant experience.

English requirements  
IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) (TWE: 4) or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

Unique funding opportunities  
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) recognised programme, suitable for ESRC-funded 1+3 awards or subsequent +3 applications.

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Fees in 2008-9

<b>FT MRes</b>	H £4000	O £10000
<b>FT Dip</b>	H £3170	O £6880
<b>FT Cert</b>	H £1330	O £3440
<b>PT MRes</b>	H £2000	O £5150
<b>PT Dip</b>	H £1585	O £3440

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## MSc Business and Community

Qualifications and durations	
<b>Full-time MSc</b>	1 year
<b>Full-time PG Diploma</b>	9 months
<b>Full-time PG Certificate</b>	4 months
<b>Part-time MSc</b>	2 to 5 years
<b>Part-time PG Diploma</b>	21 months

### Overview

Combines management and social science issues and approaches concerning the growing relationships between business and the wider society.

- Analyses business-society relationships, such as corporate responsibility, using relevant management disciplines and social science methods and theories.
- Addresses problems in the growing inter-dependence between business organisations, stakeholders, and their social and natural environments.
- Limited intake of students per year, fostering a friendly and supportive learning environment.

### Academic entry requirements

For humanities or social science graduates (including management/ business studies subjects) at least a second class honours degree (or international equivalent).

For graduates in other subjects at least a second class honours degree (or overseas equivalent) plus

- equivalent skills and competencies gained through professional experience, or
- other comparable qualifications plus appropriate professional experience.

### English requirements

IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

### Bursaries and scholarships

A small number of accommodation bursaries and, sometimes, scholarships are allocated to overseas students on a competitive basis. Further details are available on request.

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<b>FT Cert</b>	H £1330	O £3440
<b>PT MSc</b>	H £2000	O £5150
<b>PT Dip</b>	H £1585	O £3440

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## MSc Social Research

### Qualifications and durations

<b>Full-time MSc</b>	1 year
<b>Part-time MSc</b>	2 years

### Overview

Provides a one- or two-year research training programme through participation in social science research projects.

- Can be tailored to fit a wide range of social science research careers. Students agree and undertake two large research projects during the programme.
- Based on close research supervision between academic and student. Programme intake limited to 16 students per year, fostering a friendly and supportive learning environment.

### Academic entry requirements

A good first degree (normally at least an upper second class honours degree or equivalent) in a relevant social science discipline, or a professional qualification together with experience in a relevant field.

### English requirements

IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

TOEFL 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 100 (internet-based test) with not less than 24 in each of the components.

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### Fees in 2008-9

<b>FT</b>	H £4000	O £10300
<b>PT</b>	H £2000	O £5150

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## MSc Globalisation and International Policy Analysis (MGIPA)

### Qualifications and durations

<b>Full-time MSc</b>	1 year
<b>Full-time PG Diploma</b>	9 months
<b>Full-time PG Certificate</b>	4 months
<b>Part-time MSc</b>	2 to 5 years
<b>Part-time PG Diploma</b>	21 months

### Overview

Provides a multidisciplinary social science based understanding of globalisation and international policy analysis.

- Examines the vertical links between national, supra-national and global levels, as well as the horizontal links between policy making by governments, business and other actors.
- Programme intake limited to 30 students per year, fostering a friendly, international and supportive learning environment.

### Academic entry requirements

A good first degree (upper second class or equivalent) in a social science subject, or in another subject with substantial prior appropriate experience.

Underlying these conditions is a belief that students must bring a minimum combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience to the programme. Marginal cases may be interviewed.

### English requirements

IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

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### Fees in 2008-9

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<b>FT Dip</b>	H £3170	O £6880
<b>PT MSc</b>	H £2000	O £5150
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# Taught Degrees



## MSc Death and Society

Qualifications and durations

<b>Full-time MSc</b>	1 year
<b>Full-time PG Diploma</b>	9 months
<b>Full-time PG Certificate</b>	6 months
<b>Part-time MSc</b>	2 years
<b>Part-time PG Diploma</b>	21 months
<b>Part-time PG Certificate</b>	9 months

### Overview

How societies organise, ritualise, theorise and symbolise the death of their members varies across time and cultures. This unique social science programme will help you analyse current challenges and changes in social practices around death. The multi-disciplinary approach stimulates thinking beyond professional and disciplinary boundaries.

The programme is designed for:

- members of the caring professions who want to study death in its social and cultural context, or to explore issues of policy and practice
- those who want to gain multi-disciplinary perspectives and knowledge before going on to PhD
- anyone who wants to take a structured programme with leading death studies scholars.

Teaching by leading scholars, including Tony Walter, Glennys Howarth, Allan Kellehear, Malcolm Johnson and Clare Gittings.

### Academic entry requirements

A good first degree, or a professional qualification together with experience in a relevant field.

### English requirements

IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.5 in each of the four components).

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<b>FT Cert</b>	H £1330	O £3440
<b>PT MSc</b>	H £2000	O £5150
<b>PT Dip</b>	H £1330	O £3440

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## MSc International Social Policy

Qualifications and durations

<b>Full-time MSc</b>	1 year
<b>Full-time PG Diploma</b>	9 months
<b>Part-time MSc</b>	2 years
<b>Part-time PG Diploma</b>	21 months

### Overview

The programme examines:

- patterns of social policy development in different countries and world regions, in response to globalisation and socio-economic change
- emerging forms of global social policy-making through the major international organisations: for example the UN, the WHO and the ILO
- theories of governance, national social policy making and welfare regimes
- techniques and methodology of social policy analysis.

The programme gives central attention to the links between social policy and economic development: on the one hand, the rise of knowledge-based economies; on the other, new insecurities and risks accompanying globalisation.

The programme aims:

- to prepare students to go into employment with Masters level training in social research and policy analysis

- to offer those who are mid-career, opportunities to upgrade their qualifications

- to encourage students to proceed to advanced research training at the level of MPhil/PhD.

The programme will involve a number of joint activities with international organisations and partner universities in Europe, East Asia and elsewhere, including an annual vacation school. Students who achieve good results will be helped to secure an internship after the end of the programme with one of these partners.

### Academic entry requirements

Applicants for the programme must normally have been awarded a university degree to a good standard or have obtained relevant professional or academic qualifications.

### English requirements

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