Course structures

BSc Childhood Studies
BSc Childhood Studies with Management
BSc Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods
BSc Childhood Studies with Study Abroad
MSci Childhood Studies with Innovation
MSci Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods
The School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol offers undergraduate courses in Childhood Studies, Criminology, Social Policy. These degrees are delivered by a vibrant academic community at the forefront of their fields of research.

For Childhood Studies, we offer a Single Honours degree which includes a Management, Quantitative Research Methods and a Study Abroad option. We also offer a four year MSci degree with Quantitative Research Methods or Innovation.

This leaflet has been designed to describe the course structures for the academic year beginning 2020/21. Prospective applicants should note that as we continually develop our undergraduate programmes, we keep all courses under review. Individual units within courses, and the combinations of units that students may take, are subject to change.

While this information is correct at time of writing (February 2020) we recommend you check for the most up-to-date unit descriptions at:

[bristol.ac.uk/sps/study/undergraduate/childhoodstudies](bristol.ac.uk/sps/study/undergraduate/childhoodstudies)

For more detailed information on each unit in the Childhood Studies programmes, including the aims and intended learning outcomes, assessment and some recommended reading, visit the programme catalogue at:

[bristol.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue](bristol.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue)

Select programme catalogue and search Childhood Studies in ‘Locate a programme’.

Choose the programme you want to view and “use to explore” available units in each year.
BSc Childhood Studies

First year
Students take four mandatory units
  • Constructing Childhoods
  • Introduction to Psychology
  • Contemporary Debates in Global Childhood
  • Critical Skills for Social Scientists (Childhood Studies)
  • Education, Schooling and Diversity
And one open units from a choice across the Faculty or University.

Second year
Students take two mandatory units
  • Introduction to Child and Adolescent Health
  • Social Research Methods
And four Childhood Studies optional units (see page 10).

Third year
Dissertation
And four Childhood Studies optional units (see page 10).
BSc Childhood Studies with Management

First year
Students take six mandatory units
- Constructing Childhoods or Education, Schooling and Diversity
- Introduction to Psychology
- Contemporary Debates in Global Childhood
- Critical Skills for Social Scientists (Childhood Studies)
- Accounting and Finance for Managers
- Introduction to Management

Second year
Students take three mandatory units
- Social Research Methods
- Introduction to Child and Adolescent Health
- Public Management

Two Childhood Studies optional units (see page 10).
And one of:
- Foundations of Business Law
- International Business Management
- Project Management
- Strategic Finance
- Global Business Environment
- Issues in Consumer Marketing and Innovation

Third year
Dissertation
Two optional Childhood Studies units (see page 10).
And two of:
- Strategy
- Operations Management
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability
- International Human Resource Management
BSc Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods

First year
Students take six mandatory units

- Constructing Childhoods or Education, Schooling and Diversity
- Introduction to Psychology
- Contemporary Debates in Global Childhood
- Critical Skills for Social Scientists (Childhood Studies)
- Convincing stories? Numbers as evidence in the social sciences
- Segregation and Inequality in the UK (measurement and debate)

Second year
Students take three mandatory units

- Principles of Quantitative Social Science
- Conducting a research project using secondary data
- Introduction to Child and Adolescent Health

And four Childhood Studies optional units (see page 10).

Third year
Dissertation (with Quantitative Research Methods)
And four Childhood Studies optional units (see page 10).

It is possible to continue into a fourth year to study the MSci Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods.
BSc Childhood Studies with Study Abroad

Taking the opportunity to study abroad while you are a student can be a very valuable and exciting experience. BSc Childhood Studies offers a four year degree with Study Abroad.

The four year degree with Study Abroad is identical to the three-year programme, but students will spend their third year studying abroad at one of our overseas partner institutions. Students will be able to take units related to Childhood Studies or units from broader social sciences or arts and humanities subjects in their host institution abroad. On their return, students will join Year 3 of the degree at Bristol to complete the final year of their four year programme.

In their study abroad application, students can make three choices from a list of partner institutions that currently includes the City University of Hong Kong, Linköping University (Sweden), University of Western Australia (Perth, Australia) and University of Washington (Seattle, USA). Study abroad places will be allocated competitively according to the suitability and the first and second year marks of students.

For an up-to-date list of partner universities (subject specific) and the application process, please see: bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/go-abroad
MSci Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods

This four year programme is identical to the three year programme for the first three years. After year three, students can exit with a BSc in Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods or take the MSci route which requires a fourth year of study.

Fourth year
Students take two mandatory units:
- Advanced Quantitative Research project
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Social and Policy Research

Plus three units from a list including:
- Spatial data analysis, spatial regression modelling and GIS in R
- Explanation, Causation and Longitudinal Analysis
- And a range of other social policy and methods training units from the School’s MSc programmes
MSci Childhood Studies with Innovation

First year
Students take six mandatory units
- Constructing Childhoods or Education, Schooling and Diversity
- Contemporary Debates in Global Childhood
- Critical Skills for Social Scientists: Childhood Studies
- Introduction to Psychology for Childhood Studies
- Design and Systems Thinking for Innovation
- Transdisciplinary Group Project 1: Being Human

Second year
Students take four mandatory units
- Social Research Methods
- Introduction to Child and Adolescent Health
- Past, Present and Futures
- Transdisciplinary Group Project 2: Solving Someone’s Problem

Students choose either:
- Introduction to Computer Programming, or
- Human-Computer Interaction

Students also choose 40 credit points (two units) from the following:
- Family Support
- Schooling, Globalisation and Culture
- Play and Creativity
- Changing Families and the State
- Youth Policy and Social Welfare
- Youth, Sexualities and Gendered Violence
- Youth Justice
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Work and Work Placements: Childhood Studies
MSci Childhood Studies with Innovation cont,

**Third year**
Students take three mandatory units:
- Creativity and Innovation
- New Venture Creation
- Transdisciplinary Group Project 3: Doing something completely new

Students choose 60 credit points from the following
- Children and Young People in the Law
- Changing Families and the State
- Interprofessional Working in Children’s Services
- Therapeutic Work with Children
- Child Nutrition, Activity and Health
- Disability in Society
- Children in a Global Context

**Forth year**
Students take three mandatory units:
- Transdisciplinary Group Project 4: Building a Demonstrator
- In the Wild
- Enterprise Case

Students choose 40 credit points from the following
- Disabled Childhoods
- Researching Child and Family Welfare
- The International Analysis of Policy and Social Exclusion
- Independent Study
Optional units within the School for Policy Studies

Depending on the programme requirements, Childhood Studies students may be able to select an optional unit from the BSc Social Policy or BSc Criminology instead of a Childhood Studies unit. These options vary from time to time according to current developments in global environmental, political and social issues.

Recently offered units include:

- Debates in Psychology of Education
- Segregation and Inequality in the UK (measurement and Debates)
- Family Support
- Changing Families and the State
- Play and Creativity
- Youth Policy and Social Welfare
- Youth, Sexualities and Gendered Violence
- Youth Justice
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Work and Work Placements: Childhood Studies
- Children and Young People in the Law
- Changing Families and the State
- Interprofessional Working in Children’s Services
- Therapeutic Work with Children
- Child Nutrition, Activity and Health
- Children in a Global Context
- Disability in Society
- Schooling Globalisation and Culture
- Globalisation and Education

The Work Placement Unit was introduced in 2018-19, and is an innovative unit aimed at introducing students to the workplace.