

# **Welcome to Childhood Studies Visit Day**

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**4th**

Most targeted  
university by top  
UK employers  
(High Fliers  
Research, 2020)

Best city to live  
in, 2017

Sunday Times

**93%** of our graduates  
are employed or in further  
study six months  
after graduating

**Top 5**

For research  
in the UK  
(REF 2014)

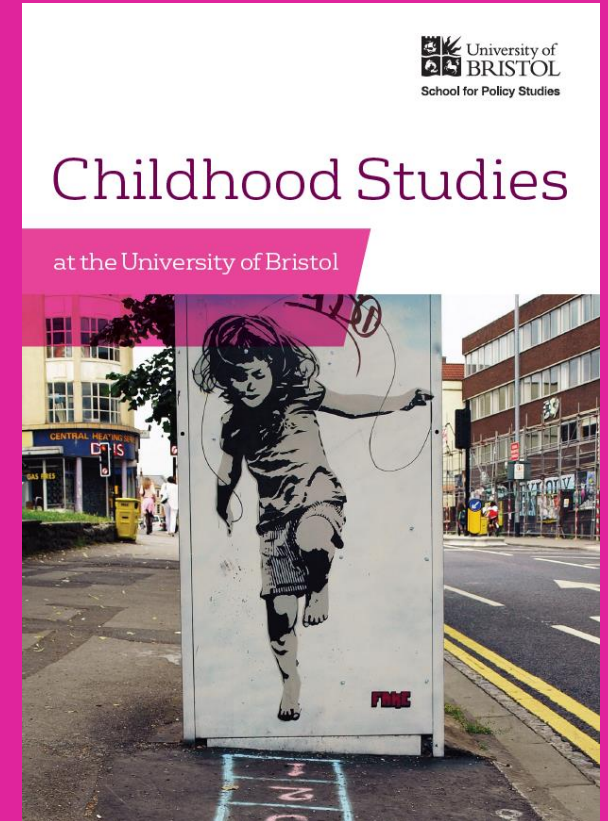
**Top 10**

UK University  
in QS World  
Rankings 2020

# What Sets us Apart

- The combination of the following set us apart from lots of other Childhood Studies courses
- We emphasise on research-rich teaching:
  - Active Researchers
  - Forefront of new developments
- Our course covers children and young people from 0-19.
- We offer a year Study Abroad (optional)
- BSc not BA

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# Research-based teaching

Staff regularly build research experiences into their teaching and students gain insights into research as it happens. Recent projects include:

- The secret life of 4, 5 & 6 year olds
- Safeguarding teenage intimate relationships
- Bristol Network for Early Years Health and Wellbeing (BoNEE)
- Life Chances – understanding the impact of regulatory service and welfare reform on families living in poverty
- The educational progress of children in care in England
- Health and educational policies for women and children in low and middle income countries
- Trove – a creative design project to aid identity development for children in care
- Looked after children and young people in the youth justice system

# Childhood Studies at Bristol

## The Social Science Of Childhood And Adolescence

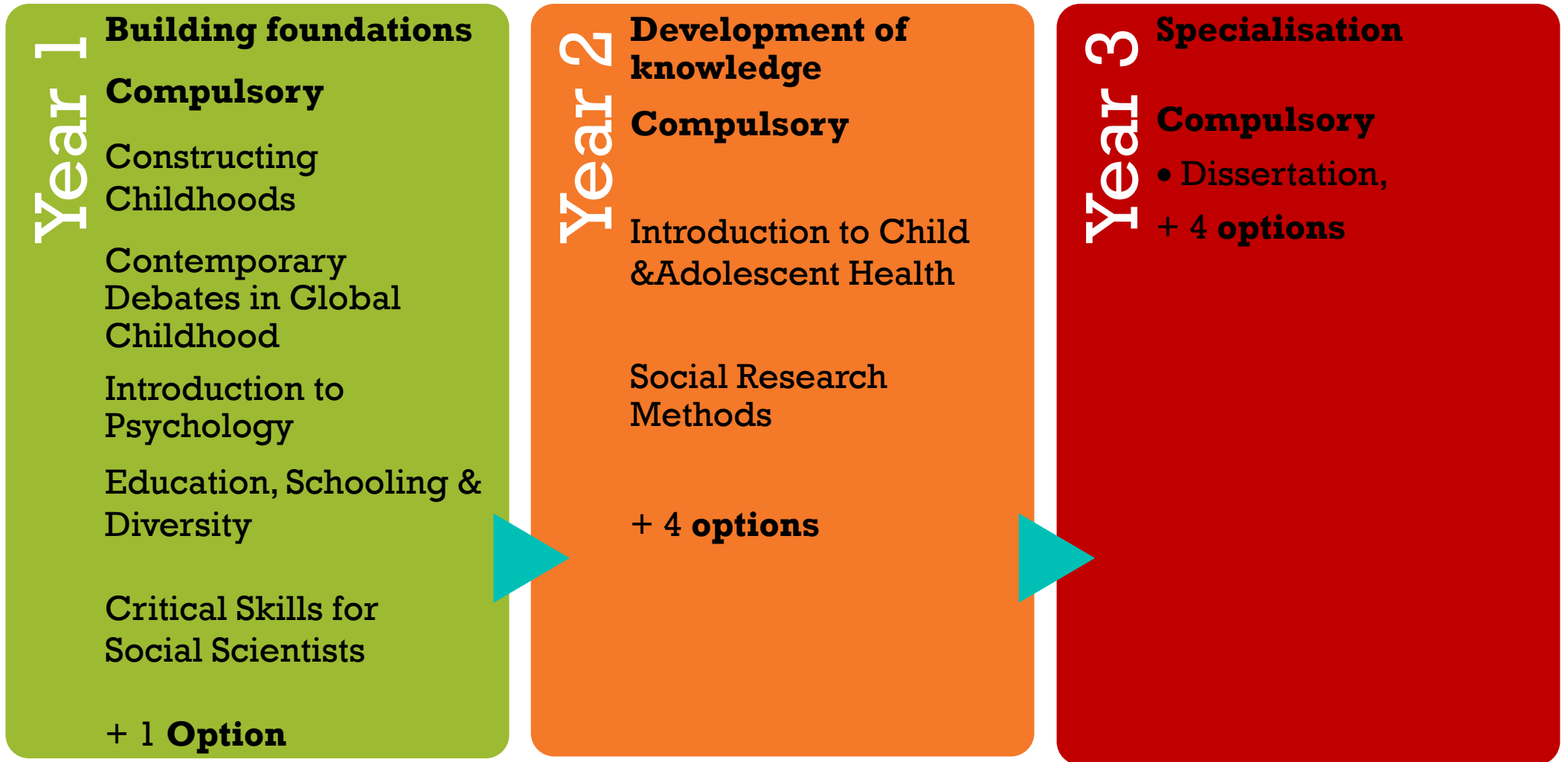
- BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies
- BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Management
- BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Study Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Innovation
- BSc (Hons) / MSci Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods (QRM)

# Childhood Studies at Bristol is a multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary course

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# Course Structure



# Options

## **FIRST YEAR (examples)**

- Debates in Psychology of Education;
- Understanding crime, harm and society
- Comparative and international social policy
- 'World in Crisis'
- Segregation and inequality in the UK
- Social policy and the welfare state
- Teaching English as a foreign language

## **SECOND & THIRD YEAR (examples)**

- Child and adolescent psychology
- Schooling, Globalisation and Culture
- Family support
- Play and creativity
- Work and Work Placement
- Youth, sexualities & gendered violence
- Youth justice
- Children & young people in the law
- Inter-professional working
- Language and literacy
- Children in a global context
- Child nutrition, health and activity
- Disability studies
- Therapeutic work with children





# Childhood Studies with QRM, Management & Innovation

Some of the optional units\*

## Q-step units

- Principles of Quantitative Social Science
- Conducting a Research Project using Secondary Data
- Convincing stories: using numbers in the social sciences
- Segregation and inequality: measurement and debate

## Management Options

- International Business Management
- Foundations of Business Law
- Public Management
- Project Management
- Marketing
- Organisation theory

## Innovation Options

- Design and System Thinking for Innovation
- Transdisciplinary Group Project 1: Being Human

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# Workplace experience

- Year 2 Work & Placement unit
- Visits to Family Support agencies and organisations
- Child observations
- Interviews with a range of professionals
- Data collection for dissertation, including community-based dissertations
- Voluntary opportunities organised by SPS and the UBU – e.g. Bristol SU; BristolPlus Award



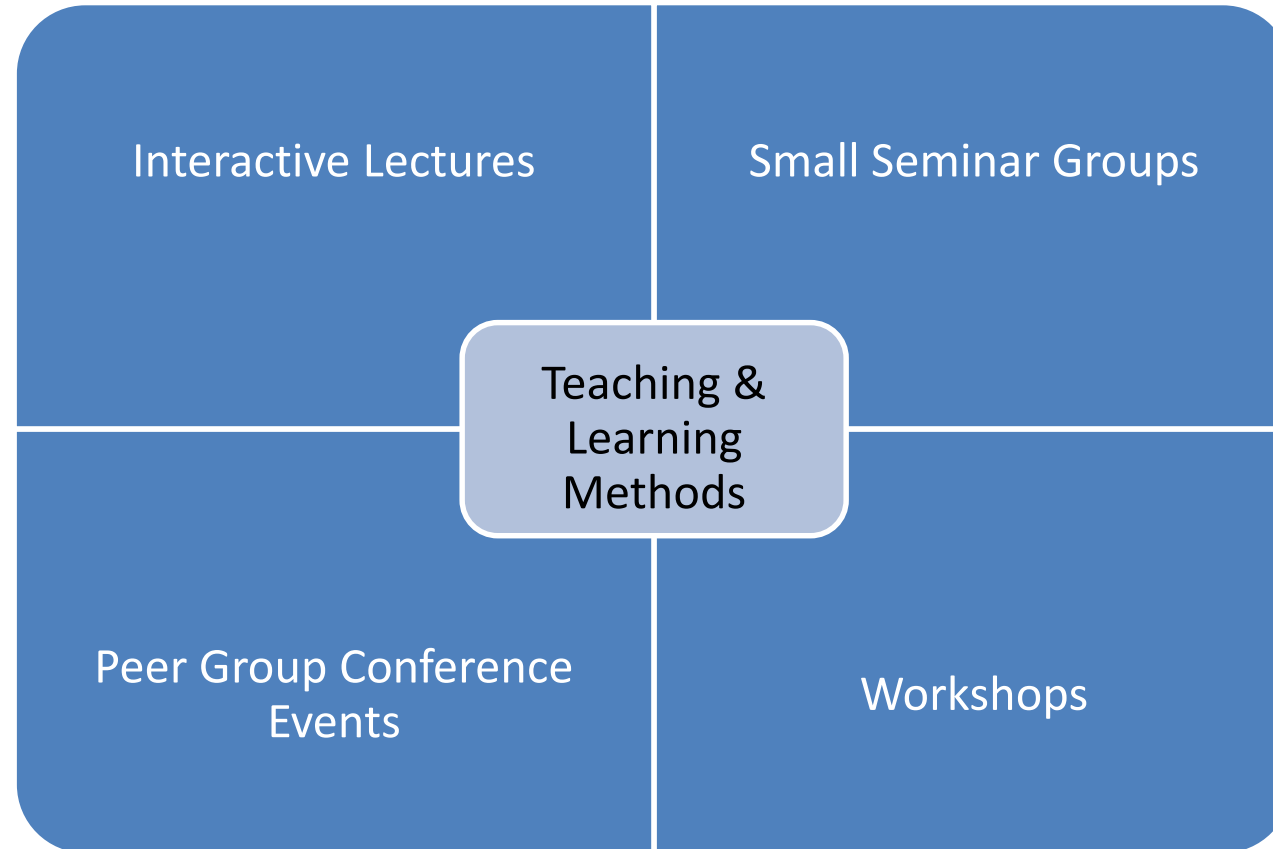
# Example of recent dissertations topics

- Young People's Understanding of Mental Health & Wellbeing and Appropriate Help-Seeking Behaviours
- Children's perspectives on healthy eating
- Parental attitudes towards sex education and healthy relationships in primary schools
- Should young offenders be entitled to anonymity in the media?
- Psychological trauma in looked after children
- The effects of growing up with a disabled sibling
- The impact of the social environment on parenting styles in England and China
- Children and teachers' awareness of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in Kenya



# Modes of teaching and learning

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# Assessment and feedback

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## Range of Assessments

- Short essays, extended essays, videos, exams reports, presentations, portfolios, critiques, posters, reflective journals, research project

## Summative assessment Part 1

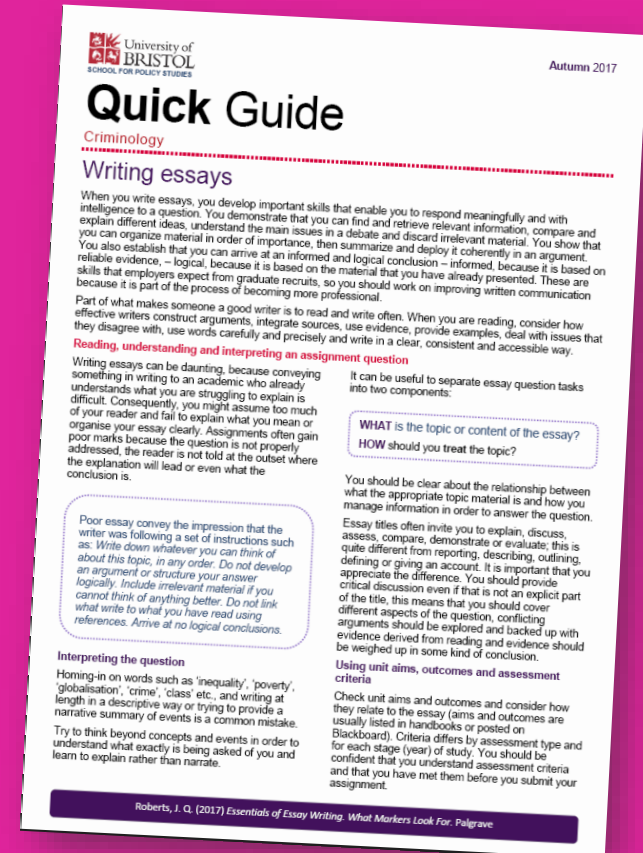
- 25% of your mark
- Reflective journal, case study, presentation...

## Summative Part 2

- 75% of your mark
- Your final degree is awarded on the basis of your marks from the second and third year summative assessments

# Support for learning

- Critical skills: workshops covering professional communication, study skills, exam preparation.
- Detailed written feedback on all assessment
- Personal tutor offers 1:1 support and advice throughout time at University
- Quick Guides





# Personal tutor

## High quality support:

- They are someone you can talk to about your degree programme and the subject-specific academic skills you need to do well,
- They can give advice on how to juggle your studies and extracurricular activities,
- They can help to signpost you to help and advice if you are struggling with financial, health or other problems.



# Student Services

- Personal support within the School for Policy Studies:
- Senior tutor as well as personal tutor
- ChildSoc 'parenting' scheme

## **Support within the University of Bristol:**

- Students' Health Service
- Student Funding Office
- Multi-faith Chaplaincy
- Careers' Service
- Academic development days
- 'Just Ask' (Students' Union)
- Student Counselling
- Disability Services
- Accommodation Office
- International Office
- Security Service
- Hall Wardens



# **BSc Childhood Studies**

## **The Social Science of Childhood and adolescence:**

Our aim in the Childhood Studies course is to educate students who will prioritise children and young people's voices and participation in society and champion children's and young people's rights and quality of life.



# Christmas Party







Pizza night



Summer Picnic



Stay In touch



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