BSc International Social and Public Policy

Course structures

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BSc International Social and Public Policy with Study Abroad
Welcome

The School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol offers undergraduate courses in International Social and Public Policy, Social Policy, Childhood Studies and Criminology. These degrees are delivered by a vibrant academic community at the forefront of their fields of research.

For International Social and Public Policy, we offer a Single Honours degree, with an option for a four year degree with Study Abroad.

This leaflet has been designed to describe the course structures for the academic year beginning 2020/21. Prospective applicants should note that as we develop and expand 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 (June 2019) we recommend you check for the most up-to-date unit descriptions and course structures at:

bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/2020/social-policy/bsc-international-social-and-public-policy

For more detailed information on each unit in the International Social and Public Policy programmes, including the aims and intended learning outcomes. assessment and some recommended reading visit the programme catalogue at:

bristol.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue

Select programme catalogue and search Social Policy in Locate a programme.

Choose the programme you want to view and use explore available units in each year.
First year
Students take three mandatory units:
- Comparative and International Policy Studies
- Critical Skills for Social Scientists: International Social and Public Policy
- Key Concepts, Theories and Ideologies in Social Policy
Students can also choose 20 credit points from the following list:
- Contemporary debates in Global Childhood
- Understanding Crime, Harm and Society
- Convincing Stories? Numbers as evidence in the Social Sciences
And 40 credit points from units offered by SPS, Bristol Futures or Open Units

Second year
Students take three mandatory units:
- Social Research Methods
- Understanding Public Policy
- Comparative Political Economy and Social Policy
Students can also choose 40 Credit points from the following:
- Social Policy in the Developing World
- Health Policy in a Global Context
- Globalisation, Crime, Harm and Justice
- Public Management
- Work Placement: International Social and Public Policy
And 20 credit points from Social Policy optional units (page 15)

Third year
Students take one 40 credit Mandatory unit:
- Dissertation (International Social and Public Policy)
Students can also choose 40 Credit points from the following:
- Migration Policy in the UK, EU and globally
- Social and Public Policy in the European Union
- Social Policy in East Asia
- Cities and Communities in the Urban Age
- Violence, conflict and forced migration
- Societal Change and the Transformation of Work
And 40 credit points from Social Policy optional units (page 15)
BSc International Social and Public Policy (12 Month Study Abroad)

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**Third year**
Students spend 12 months abroad

**Fourth year**
Students take one 40 credit Mandatory unit:
- Dissertation (International Social & Public Policy)

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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 social policy 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. This route is only possible for single honours students.

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