

We are a large and lively department with an international reputation, based in particular on our readiness to combine theoretical and empirical work. Our research has always been noted for its wide-ranging interdisciplinary character, spanning social theory, women's and gender studies, labour studies and social policy. Over recent years we have developed particular strengths in science, politics and society, media and culture, and global economy and society. We have a vibrant graduate community made up of students from several countries and backgrounds. We came second in the *Guardian Teaching Guide for 2010*.

Members of the Department have achieved international recognition in the areas of social theory, the sociology of religion, the public understanding of science, cultural studies of science, medicine and health, body and society, media studies, social policy, the study of youth culture, the sociology of sleep, gender, sexuality, race and ethnicity, labour studies, the family, and post-colonial studies.

RESEARCH DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) SOCIOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) SOCIAL POLICY

MASTER'S DEGREES

MA SOCIOLOGY

MA SOCIAL RESEARCH

MA SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

MA GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MSc SCIENCE, MEDIA AND PUBLIC POLICY

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RESEARCH GROUPS

Science and Society

This research cluster is dedicated to the sociological study of science on several levels: the public understanding of science, the impact of scientific knowledge on social policy decisions, science and medical practice, bioethics and biotechnology, nature and environment.

Media, Culture and Representation

This research cluster focuses on the relationship between the mass media and culture; particularly popular culture and youth culture; memory, commemoration and mourning; cultures of science (gene cultures, science in representation, science fiction); representations of gender and sexuality; ethnic and national identities; migration; Russia and Eastern Europe; and countries of the south.

Global Economies, Global Orders

This research group embraces a range of themes including class, gender and ethnicity in work, employment, production; global policy and governance; food security and environmental change; the applicability of concepts of imperialism, colonialism and empire to current global issues; the ideas of global society and world society.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

www.warwick.ac.uk/go/sociology

(see also School of Health and Social Studies on page 201)

RESEARCH DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Standard Duration: 3-4 years

Women's and Gender Studies draws on Sociology and other social science disciplines as well as those located in the humanities such as English and History. It encompasses a wide area of interests ranging from investigations into the ways in which society is structured to explorations of cultural representations and texts. A central concern is to analyse how different bases of inequality and identity, such as race, gender and class, intersect with each other. In Warwick the Centre is located in the Department of Sociology but draws its membership from across the university and from many different disciplines, reflecting its interdisciplinary nature.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) SOCIOLOGY

Standard Duration: 3-4 years

Our experienced team of scholars and teachers provides first class instruction in theory and in research methods, and a supportive atmosphere in which to pursue high level social research. You will be told exactly how to put together a viable and coherent project, and our extensive programme of research seminars will enable you to become part of a scholarly community. Our interests embrace social and political thought, sociological theory, cultural and media studies, gender and women's studies, health and illness, postcolonialism, racism and ethnicity, science studies, and global economic and social order.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) SOCIAL POLICY

Standard Duration: 3-4 years

Social policy is a field of analysis explaining and evaluating the role of the state, voluntary and private sectors in the 'social division of welfare'. It covers health, employment, education, food policy, youth policy, pensions and social security. There is a strong track record at Warwick of researching and teaching these issues in both a UK and comparative European context. There is a particular emphasis on approaching social policy from critical and reflexive, rather than consensual directions, and comparing intellectual traditions such as positivism, postmodernism and critical realism; political perspectives such as social democracy, Marxism, neoliberalism, welfare pluralism.

APPLICATION FACT FILE (RESEARCH DEGREES)

Entry Requirements

At least a 2:1 degree. Applicants should include with their application a two or three-page synopsis of their proposed research which includes: a statement of the field of research; aims and objectives of the research; the methodology involved.

English Language Requirements

IELTS 6.5, TOEFL (iBT) 92 or equivalent

Application

Applications should be made online at www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pgapply

Application Deadline

Applications are welcomed from self-funded applicants until early June. Candidates wishing to apply for an ESRC Award should look at the Department's website for the deadline for applications for funding.

Tuition Fees

(2011/12 rate. Note: fees for 2012/2013 will be published online in spring 2012.)

Home/EU: Full-time £3,900, Part-time £2,340
Overseas: (band 1) Full-time £12,115

Funding

Warwick's Social Sciences Faculty has been awarded an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) and applicants for all the PhDs offered by the Sociology Department are eligible to apply for ESRC funding. Details of the Chancellor's Scholarships and other funding opportunities are available on the Graduate School website: www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool

TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREES

Our MA degrees are suitable for those who have graduated with a good social sciences or humanities degree. On completion, graduates can look forward to careers in Higher Education (Lectureships/Research Positions), Governmental and non-governmental research institutes, journalism/media and other fields.



Katy Pilcher
PhD candidate
Department of Sociology

“I thoroughly enjoyed my undergraduate degree in Sociology at Warwick, and decided that I wanted to continue studying for a Master’s and then a PhD. I chose to stay at Warwick because it has one of the best Sociology departments in the country; the Master’s modules looked really interesting; the supervisors I wanted for my PhD were here; and because I secured the 1+3 ESRC funding for Warwick.

I chose to do postgraduate study because I want to become an academic and lecture at universities. I’ve had the opportunity to lecture and teach in seminars since I’ve been completing my PhD. Teaching has been one of my favourite aspects of the PhD experience. My supervisors have also supported me in getting some of my research published, and I have given talks at conferences across the UK, which is a great way of getting feedback on your ideas.

I was also attracted to Warwick’s Sociology Department by the extra social and academic activities on offer. The Department organises an annual week-long study trip: I’ve been to Paris, Seville, and Belgium with the Department, which enabled me to meet people across the different year groups, and to look at the sociological aspects of different cultures.”

MA SOCIAL RESEARCH

**Standard Duration: 1 year full-time,
2 years part-time**

This degree offers a comprehensive programme of instruction in the full range of qualitative and quantitative research methods. Particular emphasis is placed on instructing students in the development of coherent and manageable research projects. Students are also able to take other sociology modules. The final module consists of the production of a 15,000 word MA dissertation, supervised by a member of the academic staff, due in September of the final year of study.

MSc SCIENCE, MEDIA AND PUBLIC POLICY

**Standard Duration: 1 year full-time,
2 years part-time**

This course aims to equip you with the theoretical and practical skills needed for understanding and managing the complexity of science, media and policy relations. Drawing on resources from history, philosophy and social studies of science, the core modules explore theoretical perspectives on science, media and public policy and then look at specific case studies of the sciences seeking to influence publics through entertainment and news media, education, dialogue and debate. You can also take a wide range of other relevant modules, including methodology modules. The final module consists of the production of a 15,000 word MA dissertation, supervised by a member of the academic staff, due in September of the final year of study.

MA SOCIOLOGY

**Standard Duration: 1 year full-time,
2 years part-time**

This is a comprehensive programme of study in advanced sociology. In the first term our experienced team of teachers will take you through both sociological theory and sociological research methods (quantitative and qualitative). In the second term there will be ample opportunity to explore your own interests in a wide range of substantive fields and/or to consolidate and extend work done in the first term. The final module consists of a 15,000 word MA dissertation, supervised by a member of the academic staff, due in September of the final year of study.

MA SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

**Standard Duration: 1 year full-time,
2 years part-time**

This MA focuses on the substantive relationship between society and politics, and the tensions and crossovers between sociology, social theory and political thought with particular emphasis on social theory's capacity to both respond to and shape contemporary social and political life. Modules cover politics and social theory since Hobbes; recent trends in social theory; sociology of modernity; sociology and postcolonialism.

The final module consists of the production of a 15,000 word MA dissertation, supervised by a member of the academic staff, due in September of the final year of study.

MA GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Standard Duration: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

This interdisciplinary programme covers all of the major aspects of gender and international development, critiquing theory and practice that shows no awareness of gender differences. As well as addressing theoretical approaches to the field, our MA explicitly teaches skills of analysis and research. You will thus be able to combine your theoretical and analytical skills and apply them to development interventions to diagnose problems and propose changes. Special emphasis is placed upon the use of case studies in the core modules and optional modules are usually available from the Law School as well as within Sociology. The final module consists of the production of a 15,000 word MA dissertation, supervised by a member of the academic staff, due in September of the final year of study.

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Overseas: £12,325 Full-time

Funding

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