In our department we offer students the opportunity to study sociology, social policy and socio-legal studies. These are interrelated aspects of the study of human behaviour in its diverse social contexts.

**Sociology**
Sociology examines the making of the modern world, and expands the understanding of its diverse social, cultural, economic and political configurations as well as their varied impacts on peoples’ lives. Sociology explores issues to do with change and communities in the present and near past. Subjects include patterns of social interaction from the small scale – friendship circles and family life; to the medium scale – social media networks, workplaces, educational settings, cities and rural towns; to the large scale – nation-states and globalisation. You will engage with issues of politics, economics, health and welfare, the mass media, popular culture and the environment.

**Social Policy**
Social Policy is concerned with the wide range of policies which affect the social and economic welfare of individuals, families and communities. By studying Social Policy, you will develop an understanding of the arrangements and principles underpinning the provision and administration of social policies. The policy areas studied include: income support; work, unemployment and employment services; family, youth and children’s services; policies for the aged; health policies; housing and urban/regional policies; policies for women; policies for Indigenous people; multicultural policies.

**Socio-Legal Studies**
Socio-Legal Studies is concerned with understanding legal ideas, institutions and practices from the perspectives of the humanities and social sciences. It provides an opportunity to engage with the ever changing relationship between law and society using the methods of a broad range of humanities and social science disciplines, including history, philosophy, political science, sociology, social policy, performance studies, anthropology, literary studies, and economics.

**SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES, SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**
Our programs in Sociology and Social Policy and Socio-Legal Studies offer a unique and dynamic approach to all fields and explore their interaction. The Sociology program emphasises a historical and comparative approach to the study of social life and applies research and theory to contemporary social issues. The Social Policy program focuses on the history of contemporary institutions and practices of Australian social policies, comparative studies of policies in other countries, and the contested
principles of social policy. The Socio-legal studies program emphasises the role and practice of law in contemporary society. It explores areas such as criminology, legal theory, human rights and legal research methods. The Units of Study in all these fields combine studies of theory, research and application of policies to real world issues. You will find the study of Socio-Legal Studies, Sociology and Social Policy rewarding and exciting. They are excellent subject areas if you are enrolled in the BA Degree, BA/BCom, Liberal Studies, Arts/Law, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Arts (Media & Communications), and all of the other combined and specialist degrees taught by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

WHAT ARE THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES?
You will find that a major in Sociology and an Honours degree in Sociology provide excellent future career prospects in a range of professional fields. If you undertake an Honours degree in Sociology you can pursue focused research in a project of your interest as well as enhance your career prospects in research and administration. A major in Social Policy also can provide you with excellent future career prospects in a range of professional fields, in particular in careers in both government and non-government organisations. A major in Socio-Legal Studies as well as an Honours degree in this subject can provide you with the skills that you can use in government and business administration and management, non-government organisations, criminology and public advocacy.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Major in Sociology
A major in Sociology requires 36 senior credit points in Sociology or Social Policy, including SCLG2601 Sociological Theory and either SCLG2602 Social Inquiry: Qualitative Methods or SCLG2632 Quantitative Methods. You will also need to complete at least 6 credit points from the 3000-level units of study. Your pathway commences in the first year with the completion of the junior units, SCLG1001 Introduction to Sociology 1 and SCLG1002 Introduction to Sociology 2. You can then go on to choose from a broad range of Senior Units that focus on particular fields of sociological theory and research. Units include:

- SCLG2603 Sociology of Health and Illness
- SCLG2604 Social Inequality in Australia
- SCLG2605 Social Justice and Law
- SCLG2606 Media in Contemporary Society
- SCLG2608 Sociology of Deviance and Difference
- SCLG2612 Self and Society
- SCLG2613 Sociology of Childhood and Youth
- SCLG2615 Law and Social Theory
- SCLG2617 City and Society
- SCLG2618 Violence, Imaginaries and Symbolic Power
- SCLG2619 Sociology of Sport
- SCLG2621 Power, Politics and Society
- SCLG2622 Sociology of Terror
- SCLG2624 Human Rights and Social Protest
- SCLG2625 Sociology of Friendship
- SCLG2626 Sociology of Religion
- SCLG2628 Surveillance and Society
- SCLG2629 Celebrity Society
- SCLG2022 Society and Animals
- SCLG2634 Crime, Punishment and Society

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