

## Social Anthropology

Social Anthropology addresses big questions about 'what it is to be human' by studying – through first-hand participation ('fieldwork') – how peoples all over the world organise themselves, think, and relate to each other.

Current research by Cambridge anthropologists includes changes to intimate lives and sexuality in Africa, India, and the UK; responses to climate change by communities in the Arctic and the Himalayas; citizenship and trade unionism in Latin America; new developments in Buddhism worldwide; and experiences of citizenship and democracy in Africa. Most Cambridge undergraduates undertake a fieldwork study of their own for a dissertation in their final year.

For further information about studying Social Anthropology at Cambridge, visit: [www.socanth.cam.ac.uk](http://www.socanth.cam.ac.uk)



## What are the career prospects for graduates?

The HSPS course will help you develop a range of analytical and critical thinking skills. In addition you will develop intellectual versatility, multicultural sensitivity and international outlook. These skills are all highly valued by employers, meaning that our graduates have excellent career prospects.

While some recent graduates have undertaken further study, others have used their skills and knowledge to pursue careers in the Civil Service (including the Foreign Office), national and international NGOs and development agencies. Other popular careers include journalism, teaching, publishing, the Law, management consultancy, and public relations.

## More information

To find out more about the HSPS course, please visit our website at [www.hsps.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.hsps.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate)

To find out more about studying at Cambridge and the process of applying to the University, please look at the Undergraduate Study website: [www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate).



# Human, Social, and Political Sciences

Politics and International Relations

Sociology

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## What does the course involve?

Have you ever wondered how human societies have developed as they have? This question and many others are all addressed in the Human, Social, and Political Sciences (HSPS) degree at the University of Cambridge. HSPS provides the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects (including some which you may not have encountered before such as International Relations or Social Anthropology). You will have the chance to gain a broad background across the human, social and political sciences before choosing one or two disciplines to specialise in.

### Year 1 (Part I)

First year students take four papers. At least three papers must be from the following core subjects:

- Politics
- International Relations
- Sociology
- Social Anthropology

Students may also take one paper from the following subject areas:

- Archaeology
- Cultures of Egypt and Mesopotamia
- Biological Anthropology
- Psychology

### Years 2 & 3 (Part II)

In your second and third years, you can choose one of the following three single-subject tracks:

- Politics and International Relations
- Sociology
- Social Anthropology

Alternatively, you can take one of five two-subject tracks:

- Politics and Sociology
- Sociology and Criminology
- Sociology and Social Anthropology
- Social Anthropology and Politics
- Social Anthropology and Religious Studies

## Politics and International Relations

The study of Politics and International Relations at Cambridge rests on the conviction that the political and international worlds need to be understood together and historically. We seek to explain how the political and international worlds in which we live came to be.

In the first year, we look at the foundations of modern politics and international relations. In politics we examine the nature of the state and democracy, and consider how far there are alternatives in the modern world to these practices and the political ideas and arguments that lie behind them. In international relations we examine the nature of international society, the state system, the tides of war and peace, and the ethical questions that living in the international world generate.

For further information about studying Politics and International Relations at Cambridge, visit:

[www.polis.cam.ac.uk](http://www.polis.cam.ac.uk)



## Sociology



Ever wonder why nationalism is such a powerful force in the world? Why there are protests, uprisings and revolutions? Why poverty, inequality and racism persist? How globalisation is changing our lives? Whether societies could ever be more just? Then Sociology is the subject for you.

Sociology gives you the opportunity to study the ways our world is changing, from the global climate crisis to the changing nature of personal relationships. It explores the multiple forms of power and inequality and how they affect our lives. Over the course of your degree, you will develop the tools you need to understand the key events of our time and how they are linked to the forces and institutions that shape the modern world. Each year you can select which topics to study from a wide range of papers, allowing you to personalise your degree to suit your individual interests.

For further information about studying Sociology at Cambridge, visit : [www.sociology.cam.ac.uk](http://www.sociology.cam.ac.uk)