



OLLSCOIL NA  
GAILLIMHE  
UNIVERSITY  
OF GALWAY

Scoil na hEolaíochta Polaitiúla  
agus na Socheolaíochta  
School of Political Science  
and Sociology

- Sociological and Political Studies offers the fascinating combined study of Politics and Sociology. Political Science is the study of political life and the behaviour of political actors - people, parties, organisations - from local to global levels. It examines key concepts like democracy, freedom and equality.
- Sociology is the study of society, social issues, and social change. It aims to understand the connections between social structures, history, groups, identities and individuals.
- Sociological and Political Studies uses critical thinking, ideas and research to understand how power operates, how society is governed, and how to tackle social problems and global issues.

## BA (Joint Honours) Sociological and Political Studies

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### Year One

- Introduction to Politics
- Practicing Politics
- Introduction to Sociology
- Practicing Sociology

#### Year Two

- Classical Social Thought
- European Politics
- International and Global Politics
- Methods for Social and Political Science
- Modern Political Thought
- Social Issues and Policy Response
- Sociology of Health

#### Year Three

- Care, Power, Information
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Comparative Public Policy
- Contemporary American Politics
- Contemporary Social Thought
- Development and Change
- Equality, Diversity and Collective Action
- Political Sociology
- Thinking Politically
- Youth and Society

#### Final Year Electives (Indicative)

- Biosociality and Bioeconomy
- Contemporary African Politics
- Children and Young People in Families
- European Union
- European Women's Studies
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Introduction to Social Work
- Ocean and Marine Politics
- Political Liberty
- Security and World Affairs
- Sexualities, Genders and Diversities
- Sociology of the Environment
- Sociology of Religion
- Social Work and Social Welfare
- Smart and Liveable Cities & Suburbs
- Socially-Engaged Art
- Songs of Rebellion
- The Northern Ireland Conflict
- The Politics and Society Classroom
- Theories of Nationalism



For me, a degree in Political Science and Sociology from University Galway was a fantastic foundation for my career. I did two modules on European policy and politics, which were incredibly useful for a job based in Brussels. There were also the more theoretical courses, which helped develop my analytical and writing skills. The smaller seminars were also incredibly valuable. My current role requires good knowledge of Europe's political history, the ability to work with different political environments and an ability to think on your feet. All skills picked up from my time in University of Galway! - Andrew Murphy



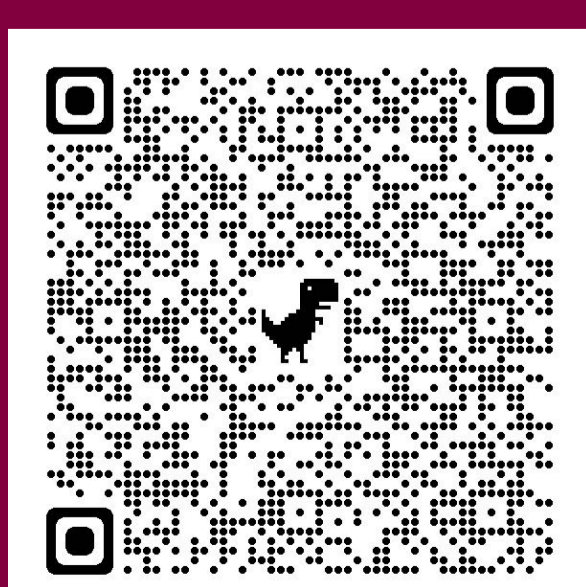
#### Study Abroad

There are opportunities to study in another European university in Third Year under the ERASMUS scheme (e.g., in Belgium, Finland, the Netherlands, Estonia) or to study for one semester at a university in the USA. If you take Sociological and Political Studies with a modern European language you will be required to spend a year in a country where the language you are learning is spoken.



#### Career Opportunities

Sociological and Political Studies provides an excellent foundation to pursue diverse careers in public, private and non-governmental sectors including in: public administration; local, national, EU and international government bodies; public and social policy research and analysis; communications, public relations, journalism and media; community development, social work and social services; education, youthwork and advocacy.



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