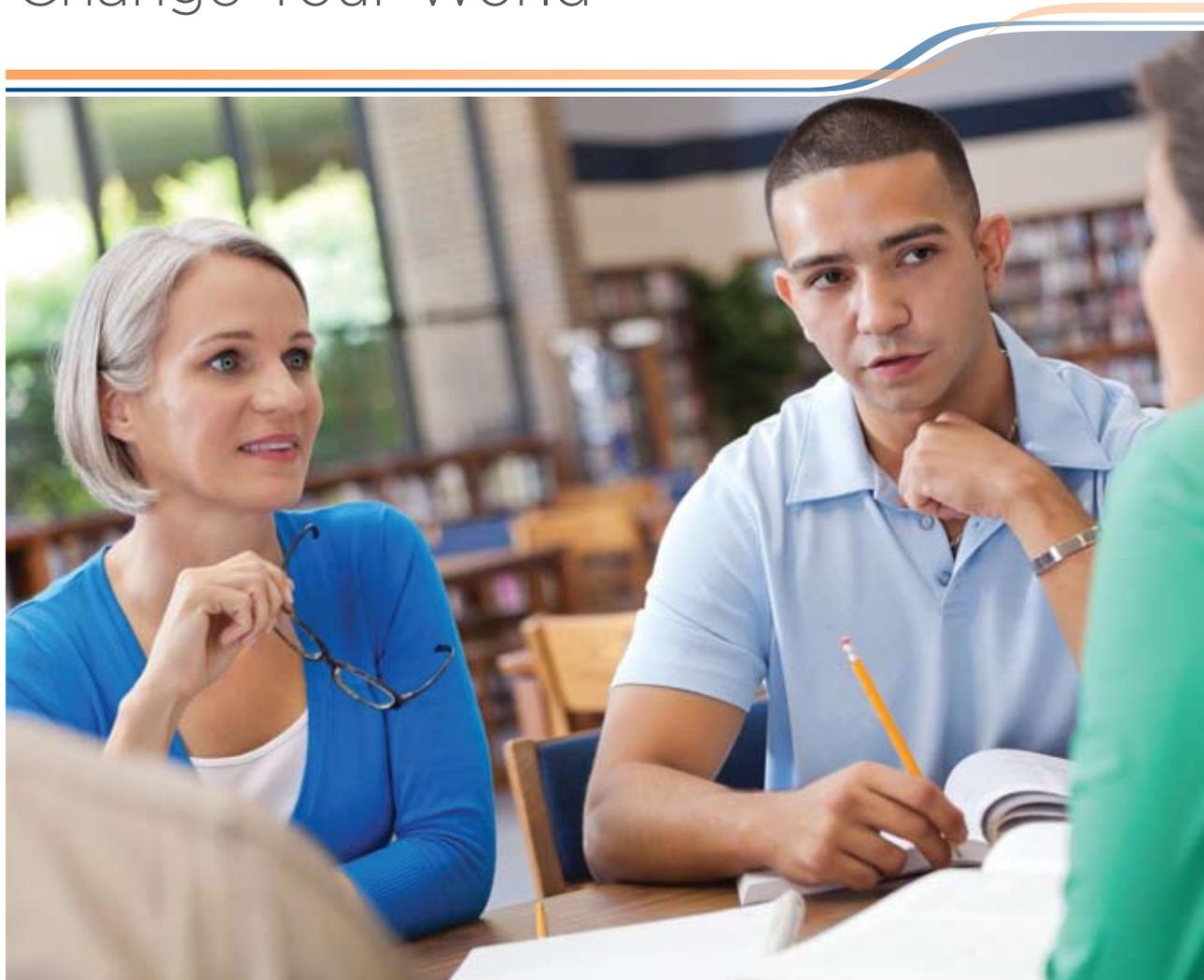


SQA qualifications in Social Sciences

Change Your World



Exploring the world we live in



The term Social Sciences describes the broad collection of subjects relating to the study of human society and of social relationships. We study Social Sciences because social phenomena – the study of people, societies, behaviours and the lives that surround us – affect us in profound ways.

Studying Social Sciences qualifications encourages learners to ask questions and challenge assumptions about the world we live in.

Why do we need the Social Sciences?

Social Sciences affect every aspect of our modern lives, from our health, to our finances, to the safety of our communities. They can improve the prospects and the education of our children, and lead to a brighter and more secure future for our society and each individual within it.

In other words, Social Sciences can change the world for the better.

All of the policy areas devolved to the Scottish Parliament – the law and criminal justice, education, health and social care, housing, transport and rural affairs – require a strong and distinct evidence-base, and the Social Sciences contributes to them all.

A qualification in Social Sciences opens the door to a wide range of careers in the Public Services including the Civil and Diplomatic Service, the Police and Prison Service, or in law, banking or finance.

Find out more about SQA's qualifications in Social Sciences at www.sqa.org.uk/socialsciences

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Title	NC	NQ Units	NQ	Baccalaureate	PDA	HN Units	HNC	HND
Criminology								
Economics								
Geography								
History								
Modern Studies								
Philosophy								
RMPS								
Politics								
Psychology								
Social Anthropology								
Social Sciences*								
Sociology								

*HNC/D Social Sciences excludes Modern Studies and RMPS.

Understanding the real world...

School-College partnerships offer many diverse opportunities to develop interests and prepare candidates for successful transition to a university place. Many Colleges have articulation and progression arrangements with Universities — directly linked to the HNC and HND Social Sciences programmes on offer.

Criminology... develop your understanding of the social and personal aspects of crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance.

Economics... look at influences on income, wealth and wellbeing, and their implementation through policies related to our lives at an individual, commercial or government level.

Geography... consider how the relationships between people, places and the planet can help us understand human societies and the natural environment.

History... investigate how the politics, economics, religions of the people of the past affected their lives and societies.

Modern Studies... develop knowledge and understanding of contemporary political and social issues in local, Scottish, United Kingdom and international contexts.

Philosophy... learn how to think about ideas and question truth, right and wrong; discuss ethics and the history of philosophy and logic — challenging, fun and fascinating.

Politics... look at how political thought, public policies and global politics shape governments and society; institutions and the study of elections and voter behaviour.

Research Methods... consider the concepts and theories which underlie methods — to highlight a feature of a sociological theory, or test the validity of a particular system, you have to understand the underlying concepts of the methodology.

Psychology... understand yourself and other people by learning about human behaviour, interaction with others and understanding the causes of psychological disorders.

Social Anthropology... learn about diversity in human society and how anthropologists help us to understand ourselves, our identity and our relationships in the contemporary world.

Sociology... think critically about the world around us, look beneath the surface to explore the social and political context that shapes our lives.

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“A higher proportion of Social Sciences graduates are in employment than STEM or arts-humanities graduates, 3.5 years after graduating.”

Professor James Wilsdon, the Campaign Chair, and Professor Cary Cooper, Chair of the Academy of Social Sciences

