



Social Science

Prospectus | Career Guide



**We're here to help you
get to where you want to be.
We'll inspire you, increase your
opportunities and raise
your ambitions so you're ready
to take the next step.
Start here, go anywhere**

together

we are Ayrshire College



Accessibility

Ayrshire College is fully committed to challenging discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, promoting inclusion and celebrating the diversity of all of its students, staff, visitors and partners.

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Why choose College?

Help with first steps towards your career

Change your career

Access further study at University

Start an apprenticeship

Help to start your own business

Study locally

Excellent facilities

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“ Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. ”

Build your future at Ayrshire College.

Our campuses offer modern facilities with exciting learning spaces, to help you learn in a way that suits you. There are social spaces on each campus, including refectories and coffee shops, where you can relax and catch up with friends.



**Modern Learning
Resource Centres**



**Coffee Shops
and Refectories**



**Training
Restaurants**



**Training Hair and
Beauty Salons**



**Motor Vehicle
Garage**



**Gym and
Multi-Sport Pitches**



**Horticulture
Centre**



**Aeronautical and
Engineering Centre**



Science Labs



**Construction and
Trades Centre**



**Training Hospital
Ward**



Training Nursery



**Recording
Studio**



**Photography and
Broadcasting Studio**



Studying Social Science involves community engagement through the #societymatters brand.

We empower students to understand the diverse subjects they will cover in a 21st century context, making links between what happens in the classroom and in society, and encourage students to connect with the community at a local, national or global level. Seeking and creating opportunities, they reflect on what they do best as social scientists: understand the world they live in; actively take the opportunities they have to make a difference to the future of society, and demonstrate that society truly matters.

Click here to read our Society Matters Journal

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Careers

- Civil Service Careers
- Charity Officer
- Community Education Officer
- Equality and Diversity Officer
- Housing Officer
- Immigration, Customs and Border Roles
- International Aid/ Development Worker
- Prison Officer
- Social Worker
- Teacher/ Lecturer/ Education Roles
- Youth Worker
- HR Officer
- Various roles within Criminal Justice
- Environmental Management and Sustainability



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We offer a range of excellent courses that focus on developing and educating the individual.

The courses offer routes into a range of relevant degree courses, employment and vocational training. You'll consolidate your existing knowledge within the social sciences arena and enhance your analytical and evaluative skills. You'll also further develop skills including communication, problem solving, critical thinking and the handling of complex information.



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Are you right for the job?

- Do you have an interest in sociology, politics, criminology, history, psychology, research, social anthropology, equality and diversity or global issues?
- You want a rewarding job where you'll be doing something good to help others.

Think about a career in Social Science if you:

- Are curious - human beings are fascinated by other human beings. What makes us tick? Why do so many of us watch reality shows and check social media feeds? Just one of the reasons why social science courses are so popular is that we're keen to study ourselves.
- Want a career that makes a difference - you'll develop the skills you need to help to shape the future. Social Science leads to the kind of careers that make a real difference to society.
- Are not sure what you want to do and are looking for a course with a variety of subjects.

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What employers are looking for...

You need to be objective. We need people who can take a middle position and present a balanced argument.

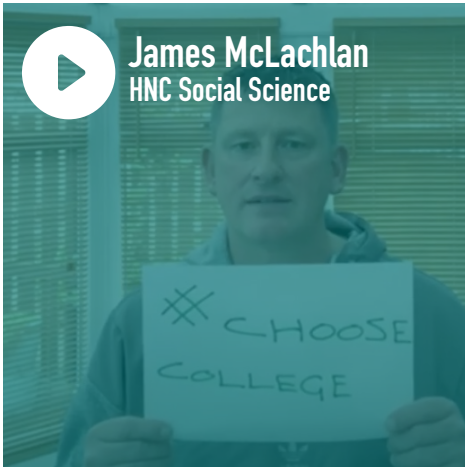
You must be able to actively seek all sides of the argument and find out the credibility of the argument by testing out the soundness of the claims made.

Social scientists should be cynical – not accepting things at face value. Looking for what's not being said, what's behind the headlines and why it's missing.

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Start here...

If you want to help shape the future, Social Science is for you! Depending on your qualifications and experience we'll have a course that's right for you. We have courses at a range of levels and want applicants who possess a passion for Social Science.



“ Social Sciences helps you with a diverse range of transferable skills; from research, analytical and conceptual skills, through to skills of critical evaluation, creativity, organisational competence and the key skill of communicating ideas and arguments in a coherent and rational manner. These are the skills employers are looking for . ”

Dr Gerry Mooney,
Senior Lecturer in Social Policy & Criminology
The Open University in Scotland

Courses available in:

- Pathways to Social Science
- Advanced Social Science
- Advanced Social Science and the Environment
- Level 6 Social Science
- Criminology
- Forensic Psychology
- SWAP Access to Primary Education and Social Science
- HNC Police Studies
- HNC Social Science
- HND Social Science

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to see all
courses



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Go anywhere...

After completing Level 5, Level 6, HNC and HND Social Science you may want to consider studying for your degree with the Open University.

The College has a fantastic link with the Open University and you can remain here while studying towards a degree in BA Social Science. This means that students who might otherwise not have been able to go to university can do so.

Better still, you can study for your degree in familiar surroundings, continue to live and work in the area, and get support from lecturers you already know.

Please check with each university for their articulation requirements prior to your UCAS application. Entry is subject to availability of places and meeting entry requirements, other options may also be available.

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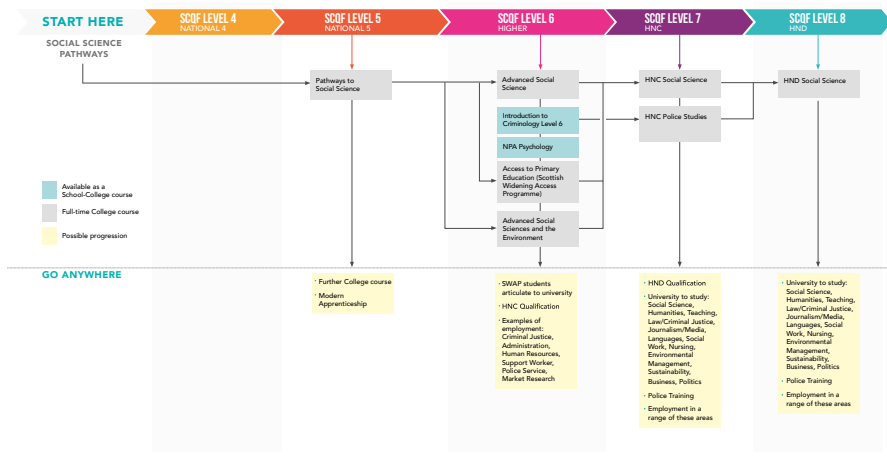


What path will you take?

Our course pathway maps will help you understand the various routes you can take to help you achieve the qualifications you need.

Zoom in to view

Course pathway map for Social Science



Still unsure?

Contact our Student Services team and speak to one of our advisors who will be happy to help you.

You can book an appointment to see the Advisor for your curriculum area either in person, over the phone or by email:

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Go for it!

You're just two steps away from starting your career in Social Science...

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Step 2...



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Full-time courses start in January and August. Apply as soon as you can because our courses fill up quickly!



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