

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33)

BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Placement Year) (X3L3)

BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Year Abroad) (X2L3)

- This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

- Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Historical and Philosophical Ideas of Education	EDUC1461	20
Contemporary Issues and Evidence in Education	EDUC1511	20
Societies in Transition	SOCI1312	40
Classical Sociological Theory	SOCI1331	20

- Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Disability and Educational Needs: What's so 'Special' about SEND?	EDUC1531	20
International & Comparative Education	EDUC1501	20
Foundations of Psychology in Education	EDUC1521	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

- Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Educational Research Methods # ~	EDUC2301	20
Modern and Contemporary Sociological Theory	SOCI2261	20

- Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Cultural Identity, Interculturality, and Education	EDUC2361	20
Learning & Development in Childhood	EDUC2321	20
Higher Education: Issues of Exclusion and Inclusion	EDUC2351	20
Constructing Childhood and Youth *	EDUC2401	20
Assessing Education	EDUC2411	20
Learning Lives	EDUC2421	20
Disability & Education Needs: Impairment, Empowerment, and Education	EDUC2431	20

- Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List C:

List C:		Credit value
Policing and Police	SOCI2221	20
Sociology of Education	SOCI2271	20
Violence and Abuse in Society	SOCI2281	20
Communities and Social Justice	SOCI2301	20
Crime, Power and Social Inequalities	SOCI2311	20
Sociology of Health & Medicine	SOCI2321	20

Level 3 (Degree) – Students may take no more than 30 level 2 credits at level 3.

- Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Double Dissertation: Disciplinary Contexts of Education ~	EDUC3322	40

8. Candidates shall choose and study modules on the basis of one of the following options:

Option	List B	List D	List E
One		60 credits	20 credits
Two		40 credits	40 credits
Three	20 credits	60 credits	
Four	20 credits	40 credits	20 credits

List D:

		Credit value
Issues in Criminal Justice (Inside-Out)	SOCI3341	20
Social Policy	SOCI3421	20
Youth in Crisis: Young People, Crime and Justice	SOCI3567	10
Hate Crime: Understandings and Responses *	SOCI3627	10
Justice, Violence and Abuse	SOCI3587	10
Sociology of Mental Health and Illness	SOCI3577	10
Sociology of Reproduction and Parenthood	SOCI3557	10
Digital Health and other devices: back to the future	SOCI3617	10
Race, Racism and Social Justice in Britain	SOCI3637	10
Cyberculture and Cybercrime	SOCI3697	10
Crime, Justice and the Sex Industry	SOCI3687	10
Drugs and Society	SOCI3707	10
Sociology of Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation	SOCI3667	10
The Body as Data: Technology, Power and Human Rights *	SOCI3657	10
Social Theory and the Politics of Knowledge *	SOCI3677	10
Digital Culture: Moral Panics and Conspiracy Thinking in Sociological Perspective(s)	SOCI3727	10
Gender, Health and Medicine	SOCI3997	10
Disability Studies, Crime and Victimisation	SOCI3747	10

List E:

		Credit value
Education in a Global Age	EDUC3191	20
Digital Society Theory & Practice	EDUC3391	20
The Science of Learning	EDUC3361	20
Education, Mental Health and Wellbeing *	EDUC3401	20
Understanding the Arts in Education	EDUC3331	20
The Social Life of Education	EDUC3341	20
Evidence & Educational Policy	EDUC3351	20

Assessment, progression and award

- Modules marked with # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
- Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.
- Modules marked with * are not available in 2026-27.
- The use of Generative Artificial Intelligence on summative assessment is prohibited unless specifically allowed via the module outline and in the assessment brief.

Placement Year

- Students admitted to BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Education Studies – Sociology (with Placement Year) programme (X3L3). Students taking the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Placement Year) (X3L3) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organization consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

During the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete the placement assessments outlined in the Faculty Placement Year Module FSOC3099, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Placement Year) (X3L3). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) programme.

14. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Placement Year) (X3L3) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
 - b. secure a placement year opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, approved by the Faculty Placement Manager and approved by the School of Education academic placement lead; and
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33).
15. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the School of Education deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the three required on-placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies – Sociology (with Placement Year) (X3L3). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Placement Year) (X3L3) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Education Studies – Sociology programme (XL33).

Additional Year Abroad

16. Students admitted to the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Year Abroad) programme (X2L3). Students undertaking the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Year Abroad) programme (X2L3) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Education Studies – Sociology (with Year Abroad).
17. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Year Abroad) (X2L3) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the School of Education to be admitted to the BA Education Studies – Sociology (with Year Abroad) (X2L3) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the School of Education, and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (XL33) Honours programme.
18. Students who the Board of Examiners for the School of Education deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies - Sociology (with Year Abroad) (X2L3). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Education Studies – Sociology (with Year Abroad) (X2L3) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies – Sociology (XL33) programme.