FIVE REASONS TO STUDY SOCIAL SCIENCE AT UOW

1. START BROAD THEN SPECIALISE
You will study a common first year with all the other students, then choose your specialty for your second year. You will learn to understand and appreciate human society and thorough analysis, how to improve people’s lives by applying common approaches and your specialty skills.

2. LEARN FROM THE BEST
The academics teaching you are at the forefront of their specialisations. They’re connected to local, national and professional research networks. They’re published authors, accredited professionals, and respected researchers. They take all this experience with them to the classroom. They use it to answer your questions, and guide your learning. You will have the personal attention of some of Australia’s leading minds.

3. SEE THE COUNTRY OR WORLD
Learn new perspectives from around the country and around the world, then apply them to your work right here. Go and see for yourself: you will have options to combine study and travel through study abroad with an International Studies minor, optional overseas professional experience, or rural placements doing community projects.

4. MAJOR AND MINOR CHOICES
If you’re interested in the social sciences, our degrees will let you design the course of study that suits you best. You can choose one of 9+ major study areas and more than 30 minor studies. Our degree has opportunities for high performing students to apply for an additional Honours year that provides supervised research and a pathway to a postgraduate research degree.

5. MULTIPLE CAMPUSES
The Bachelor of Social Science is offered at the UOW Wollongong campus as well as a selection of UOW’s regional campuses throughout New South Wales. The regional campuses are located in Batemans Bay, Bega, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands and Southern Sydney.

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GEOGRAPHY AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Bachelor of Social Science (Human Geography)

| ATAR | 70 (90) |
| DURATION | 3 years |
| STARTS | Autumn (February) |
| LOCATION | Wollongong (UAC 757710)/ Batemans Bay (UAC 757700)/ Shoalhaven (UAC 757705)/ Southern Highlands (UAC 757704)/ Southern Sydney (UAC 757706) |
| CRICOS | 081145A |

WHAT YOU STUDY

You’ll study conflicts and tensions, consider scientific evidence, critically analyse policy, and identify solutions with environmental sustainability and social justice in mind. As a Human Geographer you’ll make essential contributions to environmental management, urban planning, and processes of social and economic change. During your second and third years you’ll focus on local and international field work, the emergence and future of the megacity, population growth and change in both Australian and international contexts, qualitative research design, practical job seeking seminars, human-environment interactions, and environmental and heritage management.

Students will also be able to choose from additional electives, if you wish to gain further knowledge in a particular field. You could take subjects in sociology and ethics to explore the social implications of process like urbanisation, globalisation, or climate change. You select electives with a focus on physical geography subjects that examine rivers, coastal process and distribution of plants. You could even take electives within creative arts or a language.

CAREERS

As a Dean’s Scholar student you’ll have the opportunity to undertake individual research supervised research in your major discipline area, together with other required seminar and/or course work. Dean’s Scholars students are required to maintain at least a Distinction (75%) average each academic year.

Land and Heritage Management investigates issues of global significance, especially the human impact on the Earth, the management of valuable landscapes, and the planning of cities and regions. This degree combines the knowledge and skills of social science and science. It includes the practices of conservation, restoration, museology, archaeology, history and architecture. This combination of social science and science is also concerned with the intangible aspects of heritage and geography, such as traditional skills, cultures and migration.

WHAT YOU STUDY

The Bachelor of Science (Land and Heritage Management) provides a core grounding in both the Human and Physical Geography strands, and provides the skills to work on both cultural and natural heritage issues or in land management. It includes the opportunity to undertake practicals and fieldwork, taking advantage of the local Illawarra environment including urban and heritage landscapes, coastal landscapes, rainforest escarpment and freshwater ecosystems.

CAREERS

Land and Heritage Management graduates work with government bodies, industry engaged in environmental monitoring, and Indigenous groups. Many work environments now involve the intersection of law, policy, business practice and environmental interests. Good decisions can often only be made with the support of thorough scientific study. This means that the job of managing and protecting land and heritage needs scientists who are trained across a number of interrelated fields, including land and climate change, biology, spatial science, statistics, history and culture, population studies, environmental law, and resource management.

Example careers include:
- Environmental Planner
- Geographical Systems Officers
- GIS Analyst
- GIS Officer
- Research Associate
- Spatial Product Compiler
- Sustainability projects and Indigenous land management
- Tourism, heritage assessment and management

DEAN’S SCHOLAR

As a Dean’s Scholar you’ll have the opportunity to undertake individual research. In the final Honours year of your degree, you’ll undertake a substantial piece of supervised research in your major discipline area, together with other required seminar and/or course work. Dean’s Scholars students are required to maintain at least a Distinction (75%) average each academic year.

HONOURS PROGRAM

You can apply for the Honours program in a Bachelor of Science (Human Geography or Land and Heritage Management), which is an additional fourth year involving a research project under academic supervision. Entry to honours is based on application and merit.
I have the enviable job of coordinating both of the undergraduate public health degrees at UOW, where I come in to daily contact with enthusiastic and altruistic students who are driven to improve the health of populations and groups. My own research interests are in creating supportive environments for health and wellbeing. This includes reducing children’s exposure to ‘junk’ food marketing, and improving access to, and availability of, healthy food.

Currently I am part of a global network of researchers involved in measuring the food environment across countries, to build research capacity in developing countries and to contribute to high level policy discussions. My research work has taken me across the globe—to support international research, communicate research findings, and provide policy advice to international governments. For me, public health is fundamental to building fair and sustainable societies, and training the next generation of public health practitioners (you!) is vital.

DR BRIDGET KELLY
Senior Lecturer in Public Health

SOCIAL SCIENCE

The social sciences look at why and how we live the way we do.

Social Sciences help transform the lives of individuals, families and communities by understanding, explaining, predicting and changing human behaviour and environments. To do this social science students engage in interdisciplinary study about human behaviour, including foundations in psychology, social policy, sociology, human geography, research methodology, indigenous studies, and social determinants of health and wellbeing.

Nationally and globally, there is an urgent need for reflective scholarly practitioners and researchers who are able to contribute to understanding the complex and changing needs of people throughout their lives, and in diverse communities in the face of technological, economic and social change. With a variety of majors and more than 30 minors to choose from, our Bachelor of Social Science will provide you with the skills and expertise to be able to understand these complex and changing needs as relevant to your chosen field.

Majors you can choose from include:

- Criminology (Wollongong)
- Culture Community & Environment (Batemans Bay, Bega, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands)
- Health Promotion (Wollongong, Shoalhaven)
- Human Geography (Wollongong, Batemans Bay, Bega, Shoalhaven Southern Highlands, Southern Sydney)
- Indigenous Studies (Wollongong, Batemans Bay, Bega, Shoalhaven Southern Highlands, Southern Sydney)
- Psychology (Wollongong)
- Public Health (Wollongong, Shoalhaven)
- Social Marketing (Wollongong)
- Social Policy (Wollongong, Shoalhaven)
- Sociology (Wollongong, Batemans Bay, Bega, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands)

If your preferred major is not offered on your local campus, you can apply to transfer after the first year of common foundation study.

YOUR DEGREE, YOUR STUDY PATHWAY

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FIELD, RURAL OR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

As part of the program you will be given opportunities to complete work integrated learning. You will gain vital community experience in local, rural and international areas. You are given the choice to study abroad or stay local and undertake activities to build your cross cultural communication skills through our Global Communicators program.

DEAN’S SCHOLAR

The UOW Bachelor of Social Science (Dean’s Scholar) is a program for high-achieving students. You will have extended subject loads, and guaranteed entry to the Bachelor of Social Science Honours degree. You will also have extended library privileges, invitations to attend School workshops and seminars and networking events. There’s also the opportunity for casual employment in the UOW Faculty of Social Sciences, community research, or projects supervised by leading practitioners or scholars for 15 hours per year.

Bachelor of Social Science

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*Campus offerings may be subject to change. A list of full majors is available online through coursefinder @uow.edu.au/study/social-science
MAJORS

CRIMINOLOGY
Criminology is a social science that draws on a range of disciplines to critically examine debates about the causes, regulation, detection, prevention, control and representation of crime, and how these contested theories and values translate into criminal justice policies and practices. You will focus on: offenders, victims and agents of control; multidisciplinary understandings of crime; crime prevention; safe communities; sexuality; probation and parole; human rights; and community justice.

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
The theme of this major reflects its name, Community, Culture and Environment. Subjects offered by Sociology inform the theme of community, those offered by English, History and Cultural Studies inform the cultural theme and those offered by Earth Sciences, and Science and Technology Studies inform the environmental theme. However, many of the subjects offered will often combine two of the themes listed in the degree, especially the Indigenous Studies subjects.

HEALTH PROMOTION
Health promotion is directed at enabling people to increase control over the determinants of their health and also changing social, environmental, political and economic conditions to reduce their impact on the health of communities. You learn how to plan, implement and evaluate health policies and projects, undertake health education initiatives, use media, engage with communities and develop advocacy strategies. Most of all, you learn how to make a difference in people’s everyday lives.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
Human geography develops a holistic understanding of the challenges facing the planet. Human geography uses a mix of quantitative and qualitative skills to solve a range of social and environmental problems. You will explore remote locations, cities, suburbs, food, homes, cargo ships, cars, mobile phones, agriculture, factories, festivals, fire, water, floods, minerals, weeds, sharks, horses, gender, ethnicity, race, tweets and more. You will learn how few matters. You will be provided with a grounding in a diversity of social science research skills. This major develops a broad geographical understanding of humans, environments and the dynamic relationships between them.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES
This interdisciplinary major links together Indigenous Studies subjects and a number of subjects offered by the Faculties of Law, Humanities and the Arts and Social Sciences, to provide Indigenous and non-Indigenous students with a coherent program in the study of Indigenous Australia.

PUBLIC HEALTH
Public Health is a social science that aims to improve health and quality of life (positive states that go beyond freedom from disease or deprivation), with a particular focus at the population level. It has a strong focus on the social determinants of health, themes include the exploration of health as a human experience mediated by individual, societal and global contexts; a reflexive and critical evaluation of factors affecting health and its representations; and an ability to engage actively in the discourses surrounding these concepts.

SOCIAL MARKETING
Social Marketing draws on marketing theories and skills in seeking to influence the behaviours of target audiences for the greater social good, from health and wellbeing through to crime prevention and sustainable practices. Through integrating research, best practice, theory, audience and partnership insights, the studies deliver the information of competition-sensitive and segmented social change programs that are cost-effective, equitable and sustainable.

SOCIAL POLICY
Social policy is concerned with the ways in which societies provide for people’s wellbeing through structures and systems of regulation, distribution, and empowerment. This major is interdisciplinary and focuses on the social ecology of everyday life. This major allows you to understand and investigate the interrelationships and conflicts between social policies and differently placed communities, families and individuals.

SOCIOLOGY
Sociology is concerned with understanding the social relations (biographical, historical, structural, and practice- and conflict-related) that change, connect and divide individuals, groups, institutions and nations. Sociology’s aim of developing a critical awareness of the social world and self-reflection on the nature of your knowledge of the social involves evaluating theories, explanations and evidence and your own views and understandings of matters such as: crime and punishment, families and intimacy, gender, sexuality and the body, globalisation, development and social change, media and popular culture (depending on your choice of electives), race and ethnicity, social interaction, social movements and social policy and the state.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY)

ATAR 75
DURATION 3 years
STARTS Autumn (February)
UAC 790210
CRICOS 084775B
LOCATION Wollongong

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PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR
Psychology increases knowledge of how and why people act in the ways they do, as well as how to apply this knowledge in a wide variety of settings in a systematic, reproducible way. This three-year degree in Psychology provides students with knowledge of the processes basic to human psychological functioning, including the biological and social bases of behaviour: cognition, learning, perception, social and organisational behaviour, personality, and abnormality, as well as a grounding in research and assessment tools.

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"I think the common thread that I have encountered with the people who have taught or studied Social Science is that desire to create a positive impact on their society. "My degree contained a diverse range of practical experiences and there were always opportunities to be involved and become engaged beyond the theory and assignments."

TOBY DAWSON
Bachelor of Science (Population Health) – now Bachelor of Social Science (Public Health) Manager, IRT Foundation

In my role at IRT Foundation my challenge is to drive the innovation and enthusiasm about active ageing so that we see a lasting change in the perspective of all people about older Australians. Our aim is to directly enrich 20,000 lives and give back $20 million in community dividends by 2020."
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GRADUATE OUTCOMES
Bachelor of Social Science:
- Analyse unpredictable, complex problems, issues and situations; apply creative, logical and critical thinking skills; and form evidence-based judgments regarding possible solutions.
- Articulate ideas using a wide range of techniques effective with different audiences including experts and non-experts.
- Consolidate and synthesise theoretical and practical knowledge of the dynamics of social systems and practices in different settings and applying this to your chosen specialty.
- Enquire into and address your ongoing learning needs.
- Integrate knowledge and understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of the social sciences and social science practice.
- Recognise the importance of ethical practice, social responsibility, social justice and civic awareness when acting to resolve conflicts, address problems and respond to social and environmental challenges.
- Work collaboratively with a range of people in different cultural, cross-cultural and regional contexts to best effect desired and desirable social change.

CAREERS
Graduates gain the knowledge and skills to work in a wide variety of areas such as:
- child protection
- community agencies
- community planning and development
- federal policy
- health care management and policy
- health promotion
- human services
- local and international community development
- local government
- market research
- policy analysis and evaluation
- social planning and social impact assessment
- social policy and research areas

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FREE CAMPUS TOURS  Every Friday, 10am and 3pm

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