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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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Possible Careers

Civil Service Careers

Charity Officer

Community Development Worker

Community Education Officer

Equality and Diversity Officer

Family Support Worker

Housing Officer

Immigration, Customs and Border Roles

International Aid/Development

Worker

Police Officer

Prison Officer

Probation Officer

Social Worker

Substance Misuse Worker

Teacher/Lecturer/Education Roles

Youth Worker

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Simon Walker

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HNC Social Science

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PhD, Lecturer at University of Strathclyde, Tutor for Focus West, Parliamentary Researcher and Author

“The simple truth is, I wouldn’t have gone any of these places without Ayrshire College. I would have stayed in recruitment and I wouldn’t be able to see the things I have seen and met the people I have met. I owe it all to Ayrshire College.

Before I came to College, I was a recruitment consultant for about 4 or 5 years and before that I had been a holiday rep. It was a very hard job working 80 hours a week sometimes and I just didn’t like the person I was. I wanted to do something else and I really wanted to teach.

I came here because I didn’t have any qualifications so this was my access to university. I love history, always have. And what I originally wanted to

do was teach, I wanted to be a high school teacher and that’s why I chose to do social sciences.

It sounds really cheesy to say College changed my life but it did, I was a different person at the end of the year at College. It also gave me self-belief, like the first essay I turned in and I got a good mark I thought to myself ‘actually maybe I can do this’.

When I left to go to university I was absolutely terrified but I felt ready and I think that’s one of the best things about the HNC course that they didn’t just teach me things but they also prepared me to go to university.”

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Scott Montgomery

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NC Social Science

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Open University Honours Degree
through Ayrshire College

"I was working as a bus driver when my wife got a good job and suggested I go part-time and look after our children. It was also a good opportunity for me to return to education, and get some qualifications, something I had always aspired to.

It was only supposed to be a year – I had not planned to go any further. My thoughts were; I will see how it goes, if I can't handle it, then it's only a year out of my life. I've nothing to lose.

Was it as bad as I had feared? Absolutely not. The lecturers were welcoming and encouraging, and this made such a difference to me. They genuinely seemed to care about their students, I felt they cared about me and wanted me to do well.

I am so glad I took that step and came to College. It's worked out great for me. I have learned how to



learn, and I am enjoying that feeling. Achieving these qualifications means I have more opportunities to get a job I want to do.

I never dreamed I would be able to apply for jobs like these. Seriously, there are no wrong routes, just different routes that suit different people. Starting at College and progressing to University step by step has worked for me."

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Angie Pinkerton

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Community Development Officer,
Ahead, South Ayrshire

"The highlight of my time at College was all of it! I was a first generation mature student and to actually be in education and actually having the potential to go to university was amazing.

Going through social sciences of any shape or form teaches you to think about everything you are taught, everything you read and everything you hear. It wants you to question in class rather than just sit quietly and listen to what you have been told.

So that's taught me to be so much more critical in life, it gave me the confidence to go on to university but it also taught me not to be so judgemental of other people.

That was due to the commitment and passion of the lecturers. There was always an open door policy - I always knew I could go and see them, and I could talk things through. They were a great support.

I had support from every aspect of the College and it has taken me from the girl in retail that only went to



work to make money, to the woman now who goes to work because I love my job. I love the challenges and experience it brings, and I wouldn't be able to do that without the knowledge I gained and support given to me at College.

Without a doubt I would say to anyone, no matter what age they are, that education is available for all.

My advice to anybody is you can do it - you just need to do this for yourself. I have a degree with honours and I am doing my masters and yeah, I am proud of that and I am proud of how that's made me feel and my future has no horizon now.

Without a doubt you have NOTHING to lose and EVERYTHING to gain."

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The Science of Life

Challenge yourself to be the best you can be at Ayrshire College, where you can study a Social Science and all its elements in a fun and engaging environment.

We offer Social Science at NC and NC Advanced level, as well as HNC/HND and degree level. We have a partnership with the Open University and our students can complete an honours degree here at the College.

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Why choose Social Science?

- Curiosity - 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.
- Jobs that make 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.
- You're not sure what you want to do and are looking for a course with a variety of subjects.

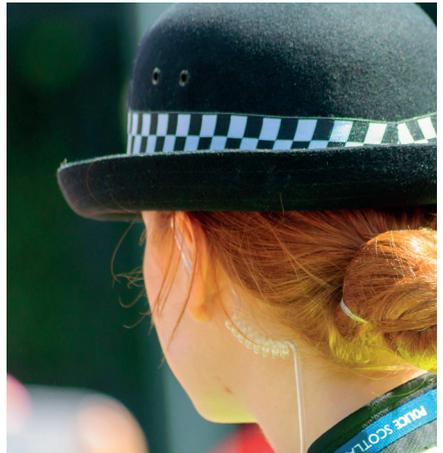


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“Social Sciences helps you with a diverse range of transferable skills; from research, analytical and conceptual skills, through to skills of critical evaluation, creativity, organisational competence and the key skill of communicating ideas and arguments 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



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Are you right for the job?

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

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What are employers 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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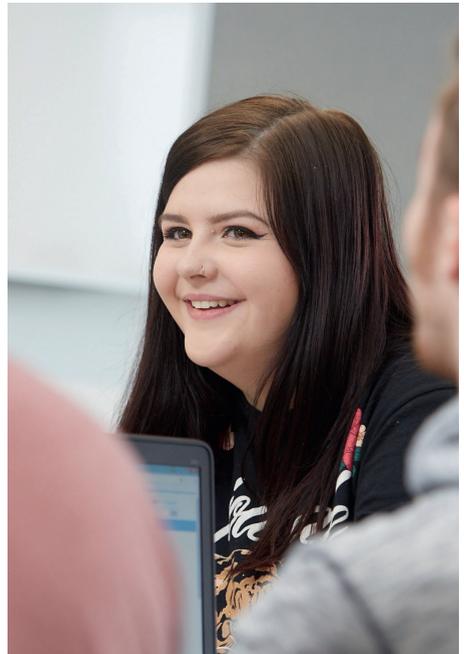
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If you want to help shape the future, Social Science is for you!

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.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



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After completing NC, NC Higher, 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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