



Social Sciences

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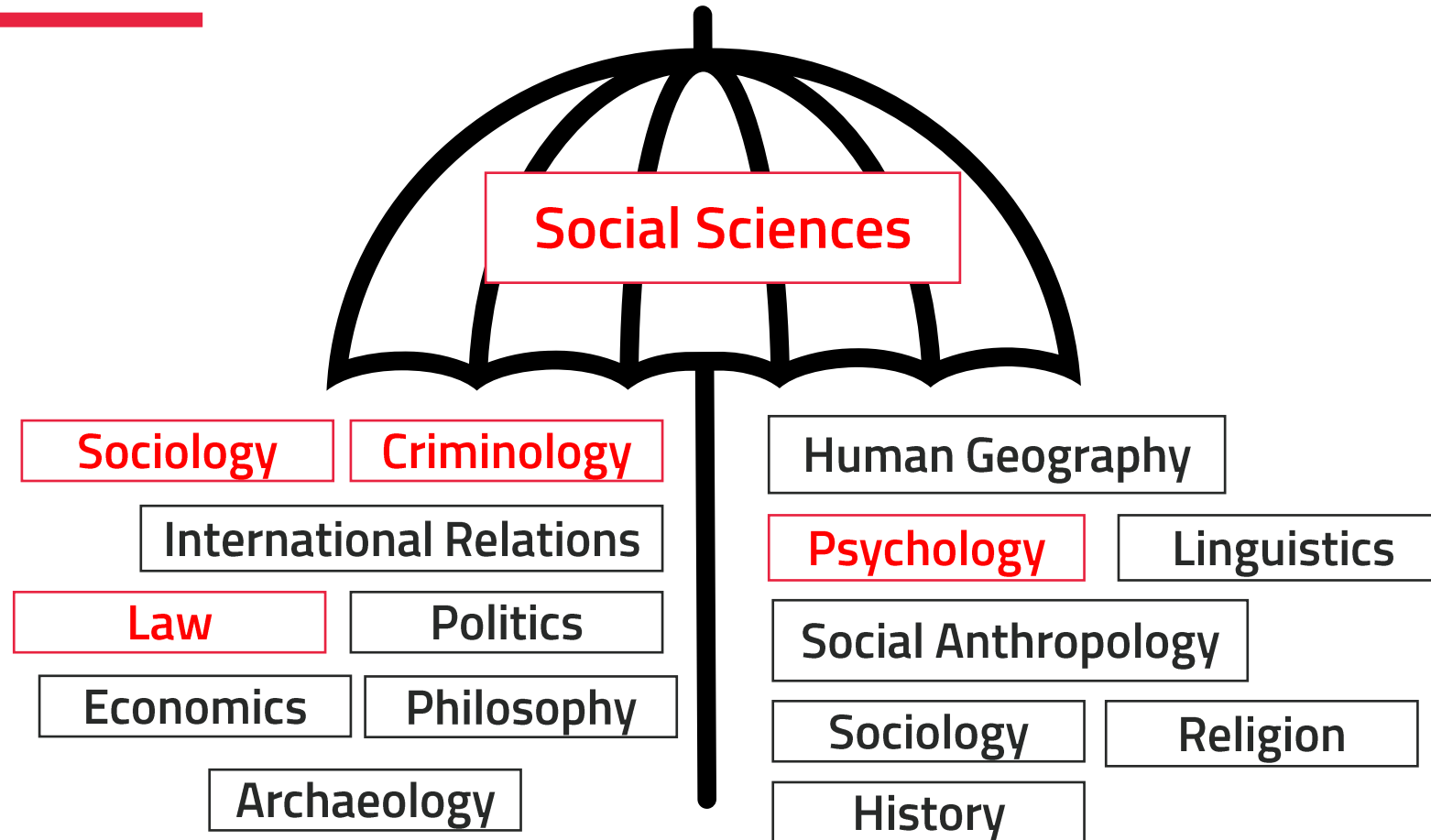
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Social science is the branch of science devoted to the study of societies and the relationships among individuals within those societies

Why Social Science?

- **Social Science contributes to our health and wellbeing**
 - *From sports sociologists to public health experts, from those interpreting medical statistics to those evaluating policies for our care in old age, social scientists are working hard to make sure that our health, leisure and social care services work to best effect.*
- **Social Science can make our communities safer**
 - *Sociologists work closely with police to reduce crime through a method involving scanning for crime patterns. From their research they were able to identify patterns that regular police work had not picked up, so avoiding guess work and lost time.*
- **Social Science improves lives and education**
 - *Social Scientists in Cambridge are working with government to make schools more effective. They are working with pupils and parents to make sure their voices are heard.*
- **Social Science can broaden your horizons and introduce new prospective**
 - *For debates about feminism, peace, ecology, social movements, and much more, social science offers each of us new perspectives and new ways of understanding. Social scientists in Leicester are making an impact on museums across the world, with the goal of making them more inclusive, abler to challenge prejudices, inspire learning and be more relevant in contemporary society.*

Routes into a Social Sciences

University

BBC/BBBB – AAAA (depending on university)

Or

BBC/BBCC – AABB (Minimum Entry requirements)

Where?

Most universities in Scotland offer a social science so research is key!

Relevant Subjects:

Modern Studies, Politics, English, History, RMPS, Psychology, Sociology

College

2 Highers at B in relevant subjects (below). English is often prioritised.

College to University

HNC → Year 2 University

HND → Year 3 University

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Edinburgh College, West Lothian College, Borders college.

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Careers in Social Science



Police/Prison Officer



Further Study (social
work, teaching)



Third Sector/
Charity/Community



Counselling/Therapy



Archaeologist



Human
Resources/Marketing



Solicitor



Government/Public
Sector

Career Exploration & Opportunities

- **UCAS (University application platform)** - <https://digital.ucas.com/search>
- **My World of Work (for career exploration)** - <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/job-profiles>
- **LEAPS Career Exploration blog** - <https://leapsonline.org/subject-specific-career-and-course-exploration-resources>
- **Sutton Trust Summer School** - <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>
- **REACH Edinburgh (for Law)** - <https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/access-edinburgh/high-school-students/reach-edinburgh>
- **University or college open days & information events** - <https://www.napier.ac.uk/study-with-us/undergraduate/meet-us/open-days>
- **University & College websites** - <https://www.napier.ac.uk/courses/ba-hons-social-sciences-undergraduate-fulltime>

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