TWO-YEAR
MA INTERNATIONAL
SOCIAL POLICY

Canterbury
TWO-YEAR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY MA

This programme provides an advanced understanding of social policy in developed and developing countries.

The course introduces international students to high-level academic study leading to an internationally recognised postgraduate qualification in International Social Policy.

Reasons to choose this programme

• It is based in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), which was ranked 2nd in the UK for research power in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.
• It is a multidisciplinary programme, giving you the opportunity to apply theories and methods of social policy in a range of fields such as education, health, migration and social care.
• SSPSSR is a large and vibrant academic centre of expertise where you are taught by research active academics.
• You undertake research using a diverse range of sources including data compiled by international policymakers and government agencies.
• You gain a clear, confident and advanced understanding of the subject while receiving coaching in academic study and writing. Language and study support are also given in the first year to help you achieve your full potential.
• It is based in an excellent location in the historic city of Canterbury, with easy access by train to London, Paris and Brussels.

Compulsory modules

Comparative Social Policy
This module is interdisciplinary, drawing on sociology, political economy and policy studies. You study the provision and theories on the subject of the welfare state and the challenges associated with welfare.

Design of Social Research
This module provides you with the knowledge required to develop a research idea into a coherent and achievable research proposal. You learn key skills in research design such as developing your research question, writing the proposal and considerations such as ethics, costs and feasibility alongside key skills in quantitative and qualitative research design.

Key Issues in Comparative Social Policy
This module focuses on the main challenges existing today in international social policy; you are introduced to a range of issues and, using relevant international and comparative analytic frameworks, you learn to interpret, analyse, critically assess and develop evidence-based arguments around these issues and their solutions.

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