



# SOCIAL POLICY WITH QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH

Canterbury

# BA (HONS) SOCIAL POLICY WITH QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH

**On this degree, you can boost your employability by developing a valuable quantitative research skill set alongside your studies in social policy.**

## What is quantitative research?

Quantitative research involves working with numbers and other data to provide clues to answer questions such as: what effects do benefit cuts have on ordinary people? What are the most effective ways to minimise the gender pay gap?

## Reasons to choose this programme

- In today's data-driven world, graduates with quantitative research skills are in high demand by employers.
- The placement opportunity in Stage 3 offers you the chance to gain vital workplace experience.
- Quantitative research skills are a valuable tool in social policy research, and there is currently a shortage of quantitatively skilled UK social scientists.

*"I'm not great at maths, so I was really nervous about the numbers part of the course – but it's nothing like the maths at school. I also found the lectures and seminars enjoyable and easy to follow."*

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Quantitative Research Summer School

- Government departments and NGOs use quantitative techniques to understand the effects of policy and inform future policymaking.
- You will become a multi-skilled graduate, developing quantitative research skills while enjoying all the benefits of a social sciences programme.

## Programme structure

On this programme, you spend approximately 25% of your time studying quantitative research, with the rest devoted to social policy.

Below we outline the quantitative elements of your degree. For information on social policy modules, see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)

### Stage 1

You learn foundation quantitative research techniques, develop proficiency in statistical software packages and learn how to plan and deliver a quantitative research project.

### Stage 2

You further develop your quantitative research skills and learn how to communicate your results to a range of audiences.

### Stage 3

You complete a quantitative work placement or quantitative dissertation, putting your skills into practice and getting valuable real-world experience.

## Location

Canterbury

## Award

BA (Hons)

## Degree programme

- Social Policy with Quantitative Research

## Typical offer levels

BBB at A level; BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma DDM; IB 34 points overall or 15 at HL

**Entry requirements and offer levels are subject to change. For the latest information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)**

## Q-Step Centre

This degree is run by the University of Kent's Q-Step Centre, part of a multimillion-pound national initiative to boost quantitative skills among social sciences graduates. The Q-Step Centre offers innovative teaching, a critical approach to research and hosts regular events attended by both students and staff.

See [www.kent.ac.uk/qstep](http://www.kent.ac.uk/qstep) for details or email us: [qstepinfo@kent.ac.uk](mailto:qstepinfo@kent.ac.uk)

## Further information

See [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug) or visit [www.kent.ac.uk/qstep](http://www.kent.ac.uk/qstep)

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