

Apprenticeships – Social Sciences

Note: It is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that you are registered for the correct modules for your programme.

Please select a link below to view the requirements for your programme:

- [Policy Studies \(CERT\) Policy Officer](#)
- [Applied Social Research \(BA\) \[Social Researcher\]](#)

POLICY STUDIES (Cert)
Policy Officer Apprenticeship

USTU0001D1CE-P

Flexible, part-time distant learning, 120 Credits, 15 Months.

September 2026 intake

ACADEMIC YEAR 1, STAGE 1 - 90 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules (90 credits):

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff only
SAPX4001	Readiness for Policy Officer Apprenticeship	15	21/09/2026 – 18/12/2026	4	E
SAPX4002	Who runs the UK? Power, politics and policy	15	21/09/2026 – 18/12/2026	4	E
SAPX4003	Applied policy analysis	15	11/01/2027 – 23/04/2027	4	T2-3
SAPX4004	Implementing policy	15	11/01/2027 – 23/04/2027	4	T2
SAPX4005	Making and communicating policy	15	10/05/2027 – 13/08/2027	4	[2027 SPAN – T3-4] [2028 – Y]
SAPX4006	Project management for policy officers	15	10/05/2027 – 13/08/2027	4	[2027 SPAN – T3-4] [2028 – Y]

POLICY STUDIES (Cert)
Policy Officer Apprenticeship

USTU0001D1CE-P

Flexible, part-time distant learning, 120 Credits, 18 Months.

September 2025 intake

ACADEMIC YEAR 2, STAGE 1 - 45 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules (45 credits)

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff only
SAPX4004	Implementing policy	15	13/08/2026 – 30/10/2026	4	E
SAPX4007	Critical thinking for policy analysis	15	26/10/2026 – 14/01/2027	4	T1-2
SAPX4008	Applied research methods for evidence-based policy	15	18/01/2027 – 26/03/2027	4	T2-3

Flexible, part-time distant learning. September Intake.
48 Months

September 2026 Intake

ACADEMIC YEAR 1, STAGE 1 - 80 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules (80 credits):

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff Only
SAPX4100	Becoming a Social Researcher	20	14/09/2026 – 04/12/2026	4	E
SAPX4130	Reading Social Research	20	04/01/2027 – 05/03/2026	4	T1-2
SAPX4110	Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research Analysis	20	08/03/2027 – 28/05/2027	4	T2-3
SAPX4120	Introduction to Fieldwork and Data Collection	20	31/05/2027 – 30/07/2027	4	T3-4

September 2025 Intake

ACADEMIC YEAR 2, STAGE 1 - 40 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules (40 credits):

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff Only
SAPX4140	Reporting and communicating research	20	31/08/2026 – 16/10/2026	4	E
SAPX4150	Concepts and measurements in social research	20	19/10/2026 – 18/12/2026	4	T1

ACADEMIC YEAR 2, STAGE 2 - 60 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules (60 credits):

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff Only
SAPX5110	Survey design and fieldwork for complex surveys	20	04/01/2027 – 05/03/2027	5	T1-2
SAPX5000	Advanced qualitative analysis	20	08/03/2027 – 28/05/2027	5	T2-3
SAPX5100	Evidence-led policy making	20	31/05/2027 – 29/07/2027	5	T3-4

September 2024 Intake**ACADEMIC YEAR 3 – STAGE 2 – 60 credits****You must take the following compulsory modules 60 credits):**

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff Only
SAPX5120	Applied statistical analysis	20	31/08/2026 – 16/10/2026	5	E
SAPX5130	Evaluation methods	20	19/10/2026 – 18/12/2026	5	T1
SAPX5140	Recent innovations in social research	20	04/01/2027 – 05/03/2027	5	T1-2

ACADEMIC YEAR 3 – STAGE 3 – credits**You must take the following compulsory modules (60 credits):**

Compulsory modules:	MODULE TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT	START AND END DATE	CREDIT LEVEL	Staff Only
SAPX6000	Research, ethics and impact	20	08/03/2027 – 28/05/2027	6	T2-3
SAPX6010	Writing a research proposal	20	31/05/2027 – 29/07/2027	6	[2027 SPAN – T3-4] [2028 – U]