

# SOCIAL SCIENCES PATHWAY

## ESSENTIAL CORE SUBJECTS

Choose one or both core subjects:

- ✓ **Sociology**
- ✓ **Psychology**



## CAREER TIPS

- 01** Qualified clinical psychologists salaries start at £37,570 and heads of psychology services can earn up to £103k.
- 02** In 2020 there were 79,954 social worker jobs in the UK with an average salary of £39,800. 78.2 of these roles were filled by females.
- 03** In 2020 there were 32,058 psychologist roles in the UK with an average salary of £50,600. 83.4% of psychologists are female.
- 04** In 2020 there were 716, 219 nursing jobs in the UK. 89.2% of these roles were filled by females and 10.8 by males. The average wage of a nurse is £37,800 a year.
- 05** Youth worker service managers can earn in excess of £40,000 annually. There were 72,519 Youth and Community worker jobs in the UK in 2020 with the majority of the profession (70%) being female.
- 06** In 2020 there was 8,076 probation officer jobs across the UK, 321 of those positions were in Wales. The average salary of a probation officer is £37,700.
- 07** Speech and language therapists in the NHS generally start from £21,000 per year.
- 08** Clinical psychologists tend to work with one particular client group such as children or people with learning disabilities.
- 09** 50% of all sociology graduates go into professional or managerial roles.

## + FURTHER RECOMMENDED SUBJECTS

We recommend that you choose a further subject from the following list to complement your studies:

- ✓ Criminology
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ English Language and Literature
- ✓ Religious Studies
- ✓ Government and Politics
- ✓ History
- ✓ Business Studies or Economics
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Law
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Media studies

These subjects are recommended however other options are available. (Subject choice may differ at Campus locations, please see Coleg Gwent prospectus for details.)

## + WELSH BACCALAUREATE



During the course of your studies you will have the opportunity to complete an Individual Project which gives you the freedom to focus on a study topic of your choosing. We would encourage you to think about an area of focus that complements your pathway studies and supports your progression to university. The Welsh Baccalaureate will count towards UCAS points.

## + ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

These are an example of activities and they may differ on each of our Campus locations.



- ✓ The Seren programme
- ✓ Visit local and national universities for masterclasses in a range of current and challenging topics.
- ✓ Opportunities for work experience, shadowing and placements are offered with a range of university and industry partners for example the Social Mobility Foundation and the Sutton Trust University shadowing programme.
- ✓ Opportunities to participate in university psychology research activities.



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## SOCIAL CARE AND WELFARE

- ✓ Social Worker
- ✓ Psychologist
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Police Officer



## HEALTH CARE

- ✓ Speech Therapist
- ✓ Occupational Therapist
- ✓ Nurse
- ✓ Psychiatrist
- ✓ Clinical Psychiatrist



## POPULAR UNIVERSITIES FOR THESE PATHWAYS



## REFERENCES

- 01 <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/clinical-psychologist>
- 02 [https://a.economicmodeling.com/analyst/?t=3BbpN#h=Rv95q&page=occupation\\_report](https://a.economicmodeling.com/analyst/?t=3BbpN#h=Rv95q&page=occupation_report)
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