Using DRPS to choose your optional courses

This document is designed to help you familiarise yourself with our Degree Regulations & Programmes of Study tables (DRPS) which you will use to select your optional courses.

DRPS

DRPS is our online database that holds all of the course requirements for our degree programmes. You can access the DRPS page for programmes within SPS at

http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/current/dpt/drps_sps.htm

Using DRPS

From our School's DRPS page, select your degree programme from the list.

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Click on a programme name to view the Degree Programme Table or a DPS icon to view the Degree Pro

Undergraduate Programmes

- Anthropology and Sociology of Medicine (BMedSci Hons) (Internal Intercalation)
- Global Health Policy (BMedSci Hons) (External Intercalation)
- Government, Policy and Society MA(Hons)   DPS
- Government, Policy and Society with Quantitative Methods MA (Hons)   DPS
- International Relations (MA Hons)   DPS
- International Relations and International Law (MA Hons)
- International Relations with Quantitative Methods (MA Hons) (Full-time)   DPS
- Politics (MA Hons)   DPS
- Politics and Economic and Social History (MA Hons)   DPS
- Politics with Quantitative Methods (MA Hons) (Full-time)   DPS
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics MA (Hons)
- Social Anthropology (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Anthropology and Politics (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Anthropology and Social Policy (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Anthropology with Development (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Policy and Economics (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Policy and Law (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Policy and Politics (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Policy and Social and Economic History (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Policy and Sociology (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Policy with Quantitative Methods (MA Hons) (Full-time)   DPS
- Social Policy with Social and Political Studies (MA Hons)   DPS
- Social Work (BSc Hons)   DPS
- Sociology (MA Hons)   DPS
- Sociology and Politics (MA Hons)   DPS
- Sociology and Psychology (MA Hons)   DPS
- Sociology and Social and Economic History (MA Hons)   DPS
- Sociology and Social Anthropology (MA Hons)   DPS
- Sociology with Quantitative Methods (MA Hons) (Full-time)   DPS
- Sustainable Development (Geography) MA (Hons) - 4 Years (Full-Time)
- Sustainable Development (Politics and International Relations) MA (Hons) - 4 Years (Full-Time)
- Sustainable Development (Social Anthropology) MA (Hons) - 4 years (Full-Time)
- Sustainable Development (Sociology) MA (Hons) - 4 Years (Full-Time)
- Sustainable Development MA (Hons)   DPS

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When you select your degree programme from the list it will take you to a page like the below.

Degree Programme Table: Social Anthropology and Politics (M

Jump to: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4

First, jump to the relevant year you will be entering, and need to select courses for.

Year 1 Academic year: 2020/21, Starting in: September

NOTES:
After enrolling on your courses, please be sure to meet with your Personal Tutor.

You will see a list of any compulsory courses for your degree. You should be automatically enrolled onto these.

Compulsory courses

You must take these courses

Introduction to Politics and International Relations	Political Thinkers	Social Anthropology 1A: The Life Course	Social Anthropology 1B: Anthropology Matters
Must be passed	Must be passed	Must be passed	Must be passed
PLIT08004 20 credits	PLIT08011 20 credits	SCAN08013 20 credits	SCAN08012 20 credits

Course options

Level 7 and 8 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

Select exactly 40 credits from Level 7 and 8 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

If you click on the course name, you will be taken to the course description page, which will give you more information about the course. We will have a look at this page on the next slide.

Checking credit levels

The course description page will provide some key information, including more details on what the course is about.

One of the first things to note is where you will find the **credit level** of the course. As you can see below, the SCQF credit level of this course is Level 8. Year 1 student will only be able to take level 8 or level 7 courses.

 For most degrees, you need to take 60 SCQF credits in each semester. As you can see below, this course is worth 20 SCQF Credits.

Undergraduate Course: Social Anthropology 1B: Anthropology Matters (SCAN08012)

Course Outline			
School	School of Social and Political Science	College	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Credit level (Normal year taken)	SCQF Level 8 (Year 1 Undergraduate)	Availability	Available to all students
SCQF Credits	20	ECTS Credits	10
Summary	What does anthropology have to say about some of the most important issues facing us today? Anthropologists don't just engage with small-scale exotic societies but have always contributed to public debates about global issues concepts and ideas that have driven anthropology help us shed new light on debates that are at the heart of contemporary questions about how our societies work. Each week will include two sessions exploring a single issue and debates relating to that issue. The issues explored will vary from year-to-year, examples include: climate change, hunger, well-being, body modification, and human rights.		
Course description	What does anthropology have to say about some of the most important issues facing us today? Anthropologists don¿t just engage with small-scale exotic societies but have always contributed to public debates about global issues how concepts and ideas that have driven anthropology help us shed new light on debates that are at the heart of contemporary questions about how our societies work. Each week will include two sessions exploring a single issue surrounding debates relating to that issue. The issues explored will vary from year-to-year, examples include: climate change, hunger, well-being, body modification, and human rights.		

Entry requirements

You should also check the entry requirement sections. This is more important for optional courses than your compulsory courses, but it is worth knowing where you will find this information.
Check the pre-requisites for any course you are thinking of taking. As you can see below, the pre-requisites section for this course is empty, which means there is no pre-requisites for this course.

Entry Requirements (not applicable to Visiting Students)			
Pre-requisites		Co-requisites	
Prohibited Combinations		Other requirements	None

Information for Visiting Students	
Pre-requisites	None
High Demand Course?	Yes

Course Delivery Information

Course delivery information

Course Delivery Information

Academic year 2020/21, Available to all students (SV1)

Course Start	Semester 1
Timetable	Timetable
Learning and Teaching activities (**Further Info**)	Total Hours: 200 (Lecture Hours 20, Seminar/ Independent Learning Hours 165)
Assessment (**Further Info**)	Written Exam 0 %, Coursework 100 %, Practica
Additional Information (Assessment)	Learning Journal 40% Final Essay 60% **********************
Feedback	Not entered
No Exam Information	

You can find out if the course is a Full Year, Semester 1 or Semester 2 course in the course delivery information section. If the course runs for the Full Year, the credits are divided between Semester 1 and Semester 2. So if the course lasts the full year, and is worth 40 credits, this would be 20 credits in Semester 1 and 20 credits in Semester 2.

This section will also give you helpful information (including assessment details), so it is worth reading over.

A quick note about timetabling

Course Delivery Information

Academic year 2020/21, Available to all students (SV1)	
Course Start	Semester 1
Timetable	Timetable
Learning and Teaching activities **(Further Info)**	Total Hours: 200 (Lecture Hours 20, Seminar/ Independent Learning Hours 165)
Assessment **(Further Info)**	Written Exam 0 %, Coursework 100 %, Practica
Additional Information (Assessment)	Learning Journal 40% Final Essay 60% *********************
Feedback	Not entered
No Exam Information	

The course description page will have a hyperlink to view the course timetable.

When the timetables are finalised, and you are enrolled on your courses (usually by week 1 of teaching), you will have a personalised timetable that you can view. If you notice any issues with your timetable, please get in touch with sps.pre-selection@ed.ac.uk

Compulsory courses

Degree Programme Table: Social Anthropology and Politics (M

Jump to: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4

Year 1 Academic year: 2020/21, Starting in: September

NOTES:
After enrolling on your courses, please be sure to meet with your Personal Tutor.

Compulsory courses

You must take these courses

Introduction to Politics and International Relations	Political Thinkers	Social Anthropology 1A: The Life Course	Social Anthropology 1B: Anthropology Matters
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PLIT08004 20 credits	PLIT08011 20 credits	SCAN08013 20 credits	SCAN08012 20 credits

Course options

Level 7 and 8 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

Select exactly 40 credits from Level 7 and 8 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

So let's go back to the main degree programme page from DRPS that we looked at on page 2.

As you can see, for this degree there are 4 compulsory courses.

You should check each course to see which semester they run in, so you know how many optional courses you need to take in each semester.
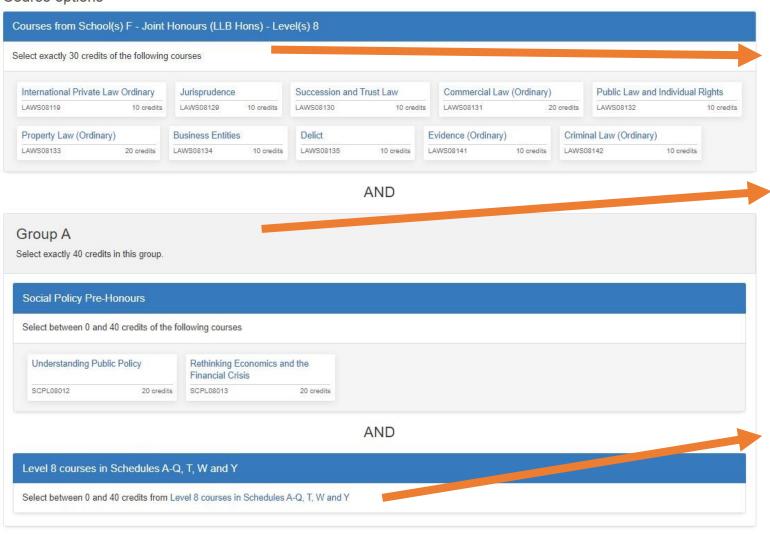
Optional courses

How the optional course section looks will be dependent on your degree programme. On the next slide is just one example of this.

Your pre-selection form will ask you to list at least 4 optional course choices for each semester, so make sure you have some additional option courses to provide here.

It's important you check you meet any entry requirements for the course, so please check these sections carefully.

Optional courses

Course options

Courses from School(s) F - Joint Honours (LLB Hons) - Level(s) 8

Select exactly 30 credits of the following courses

International Private Law Ordinary	Jurisprudence	Succession and Trust Law	Commercial Law (Ordinary)	Public Law and Individual Rights
LAWS08119 10 credits	LAWS08129 10 credits	LAWS08130 10 credits	LAWS08131 20 credits	LAWS08132 10 credits

Property Law (Ordinary)	Business Entities	Delict	Evidence (Ordinary)	Criminal Law (Ordinary)
LAWS08133 20 credits	LAWS08134 10 credits	LAWS08135 10 credits	LAWS08141 10 credits	LAWS08142 10 credits

AND

Group A

Select exactly 40 credits in this group.

Social Policy Pre-Honours

Select between 0 and 40 credits of the following courses

Understanding Public Policy	Rethinking Economics and the Financial Crisis
SCPL08012 20 credits	SCPL08013 20 credits

AND

Level 8 courses in Schedules A-Q, T, W and Y

Select between 0 and 40 credits from Level 8 courses in Schedules A-Q, T, W and Y

Some degrees will require you to take credits from a selection of courses. Read these sections carefully to ensure you are following these requirements. Remember to check the delivery details on the course description page so you know how many credits each course is worth and in which semester.

Some degrees will also allow you a wide selection of optional courses from specific schedules. Again, read the details here carefully. When you click on the hyperlinked section, it will take you to a screen that we will look at on the next page.

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DRPS : Course Catalogue - Schools

Click on a school name to view courses in that school

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Edinburgh College of Art (Schedule A)
- School of Divinity (Schedule B)
- Moray House School of Education and Sport (Schedule C)
- School of Health in Social Science (Schedule D)
- School of History, Classics and Archaeology (Schedule E)
- School of Law (Schedule F)
- School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures (Schedule G)
- Business School (Schedule H)
- School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (Schedule I)
- School of Social and Political Science (Schedule J)
- School of Economics (Schedule W)
- Centre for Open Learning (Schedule X)

College of Science and Engineering

- School of Biological Sciences (Schedule K)
- School of Chemistry (Schedule L)
- School of Engineering (Schedule M)
- School of Geosciences (Schedule N)
- School of Informatics (Schedule O)
- School of Mathematics (Schedule P)
- School of Physics and Astronomy (Schedule Q)

College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

- College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine (Schedule)
- Edinburgh Medical School (Schedule R)
- Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies (Schedule S)
- Deanery of Biomedical Sciences (Schedule T)
- Deanery of Clinical Sciences (Schedule U)
- Deanery of Molecular, Genetic and Population Health Sciences (Schedule V)

When you click on the link, you will be taken to a page that looks like this. You can see the name of the Schedule in brackets

In most cases, you can choose courses from Schedules A to Q, T and W. Make sure you check that any course you consider meets the SCQF credit level for the year of your degree (level 7 and 8 in year 1), and that you meet any pre-requisites specified.

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Undergraduate Course: Archaeology 1A (ARCA08004)

Course Outline

School	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	College	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Credit level (Normal year taken)	SCQF Level 8 (Year 1 Undergraduate)	Availability	Available to all students
SCQF Credits	20	ECTS Credits	10
Summary	Archaeology 1A provides a basic introduction to archaeology for those who may or may not have studied subject before. The lectures start by outlining what archaeology is, and how it is practised.		
Course description	A series of lectures under the sub-heading 'Discovering the Past' deal with the principles and methods of archaeological investigation, analysis and reconstruction. There are also sections on 'how humans evolve (introducing human evolution and the hunter-gatherers of the Palaeolithic) and 'early agricultural societi which charts the crucial shift from hunting and gathering to farming in the Near East and Europe; the fir sedentary food-producing societies are introduced as a prelude to the rise of civilizations in the Near Ea Europe, covered in Archaeology 1B. The course is designed to provide a systematic introduction to Archaeology, and to present some import areas of archaeological research. It aims to help students to develop their: ability to find and evaluate information, and set it in context; ability to critically appraise evidence and present reasoned argument; skills in literacy, in particular the preparation and writing of academic essays.		

Entry Requirements (not applicable to Visiting Students)

Pre-requisites		Co-requisites	
Prohibited Combinations		Other requirements	None

Information for Visiting Students

Pre-requisites	None
High Demand Course?	Yes

Course Delivery Information

Academic year 2020/21, Available to all students (SV1)		Quota: 0
Course Start	Semester 1	
Timetable	Timetable	
Learning and Teaching activities (Further Info)	Total Hours: 200 (Lecture Hours 22, Seminar/Tutorial Hours 9, Summative Assessment Hours 2, Programm Learning and Teaching Hours 4, Directed Learning and Independent Learning Hours 163)	
Assessment (Further Info)	Written Exam 0 %, Coursework 100 %, Practical Exam 0 %	
Additional Information	Coursework: 700 word Short Report (20%)	

Once you find a suitable course you would like to take, note the course name and course code and the course start Semester.

This course is called Archaeology 1A and the course code is in brackets (ARCA08004)

You will be asked to provide 4 course options for each semester.

Remember to check that you meet any entry requirements for the course.

Once you have selected your course options, complete our online form, which you will find at https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/students/undergraduate/your-studies/choosing-your-courses

If you have any questions, email us at sps.pre-selection@ed.ac.uk