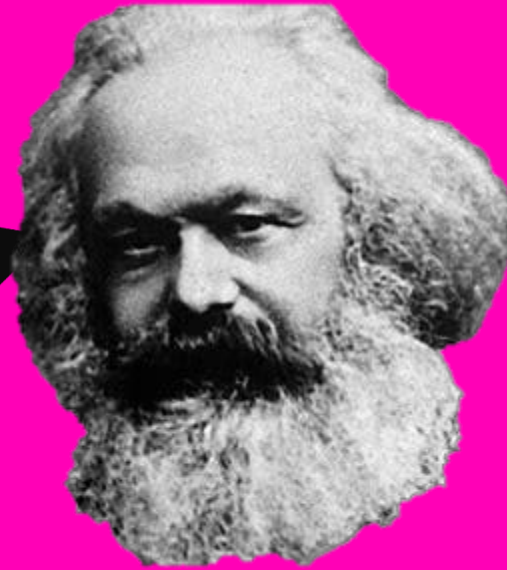


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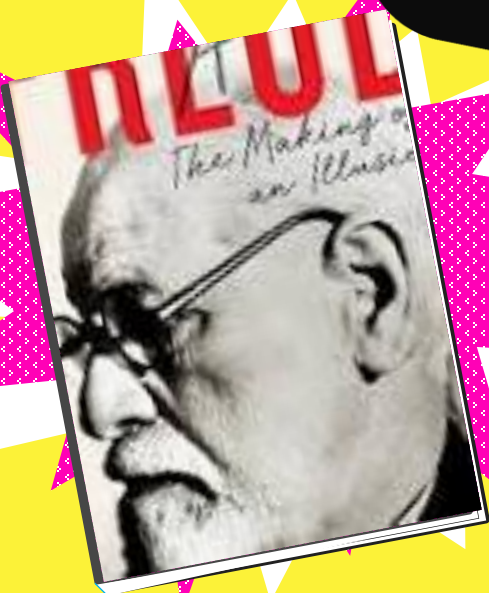
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Social Sciences

Sociology and Anthropology: 'well established' at UG

Sociology:

- study of society: structures, institutions
- More contemporary view
- View society through differing 'lenses'

Anthropology:

- Study of culture: individuals- rituals, beliefs, etc
- Often involves evolutionary theory/ Biological underpinnings
- Often takes a historical view
- Can range between ethnographies to 'traditional' science depending on specialisms.

VS.

Criminology: 'new' for UG level

- ▶ Can vary *wildly* depending on institution, but:
- ▶ Multi-disciplinary approach to Crime (behaviour and causes)
- ▶ Economics, sociology, history, policy, anthropology, psychology
- ▶ Measuring crime, Crime rates, prison efficacy, shaping of public policy
- ▶ Bio and Evolutionary approaches
- ▶ Role of the state, poverty, cultural impacts



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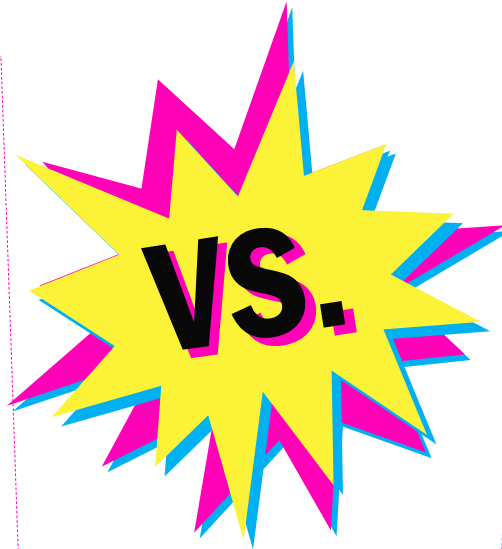
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Psychology: BPS vs Combined Hons

BPS Psych course

- ▶ Progressing into a career can be more straightforward- without the need for a conversion.
 - Greater grounding in Research methods, statistics.
 - More traditionally 'scientific'.



Combined Hons

- ▶ Great for those who want a more varied degree and aren't desperate to be a psychologist.
 - Often less mathematical content.
 - Very wide range of flexibility.
 - More 'flexible' entrance requirements- grades and subjects



Psychology

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- ▶ Competitions: Essays, Olympiads etc
- ▶ Why you: **skills** and **attributes**
- ▶ Psychology is the *most* popular university course: think carefully about your next steps!
How are you going to stand out as a graduate?

Top Universities

University of Cambridge	A* A* A
KCL/ Oxford	A* AA
UCL	A* AA
Cardiff University	A* AA
University of Manchester	A*AA/AAA
University of Birmingham	A* AA (AAA with Science)
University of Glasgow	Applicants to Psychology (BSc): Two A-level Science subjects. Applicants to Psychology (MA/MA SocSci): A-level English or A-Level Humanities subject.

University of Nottingham	A*AA (Msci 4 year) or AAA
Birkbeck, University of London	BBB
University of Bath	A* AA
University of Exeter	A* AA
University of Sheffield	AAB
University of Southampton	ABB (psych,science, maths OR A grade EPQ)
University of Sussex	AAB
University of Warwick	AAA-A*AB
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University of St Andrews	AAB

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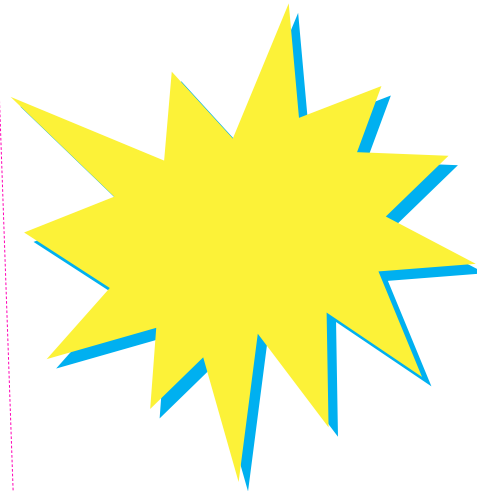
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Psychology based careers

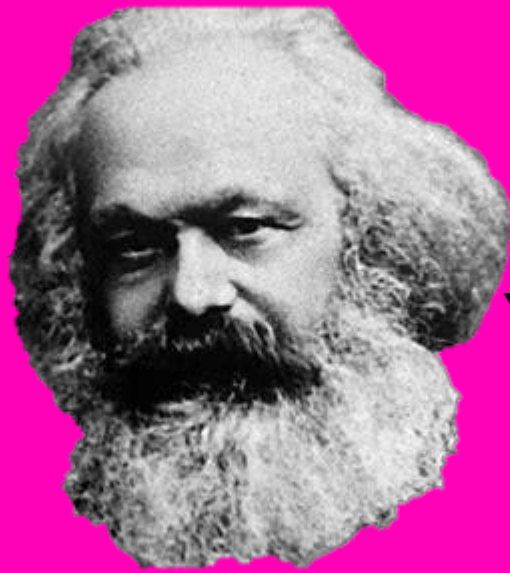
Clinical Psychologist

- ▶ Protect term
- ▶ Extremely competitive
- ▶ Masters & PhD.
- ▶ Work experience prior to PhD.



Psychologist- Generic

- ▶ Occupational: MsC and 2 year course
- ▶ Forensic:
- ▶ Educational:
- ▶ Clinical Associate:
- ▶ Counselling Psychologist:
- ▶ Sport and Exercise psych
- ▶ Health psych
- ▶ Psychology Wellbeing practitioner
- ▶ Psychotherapist/analyst



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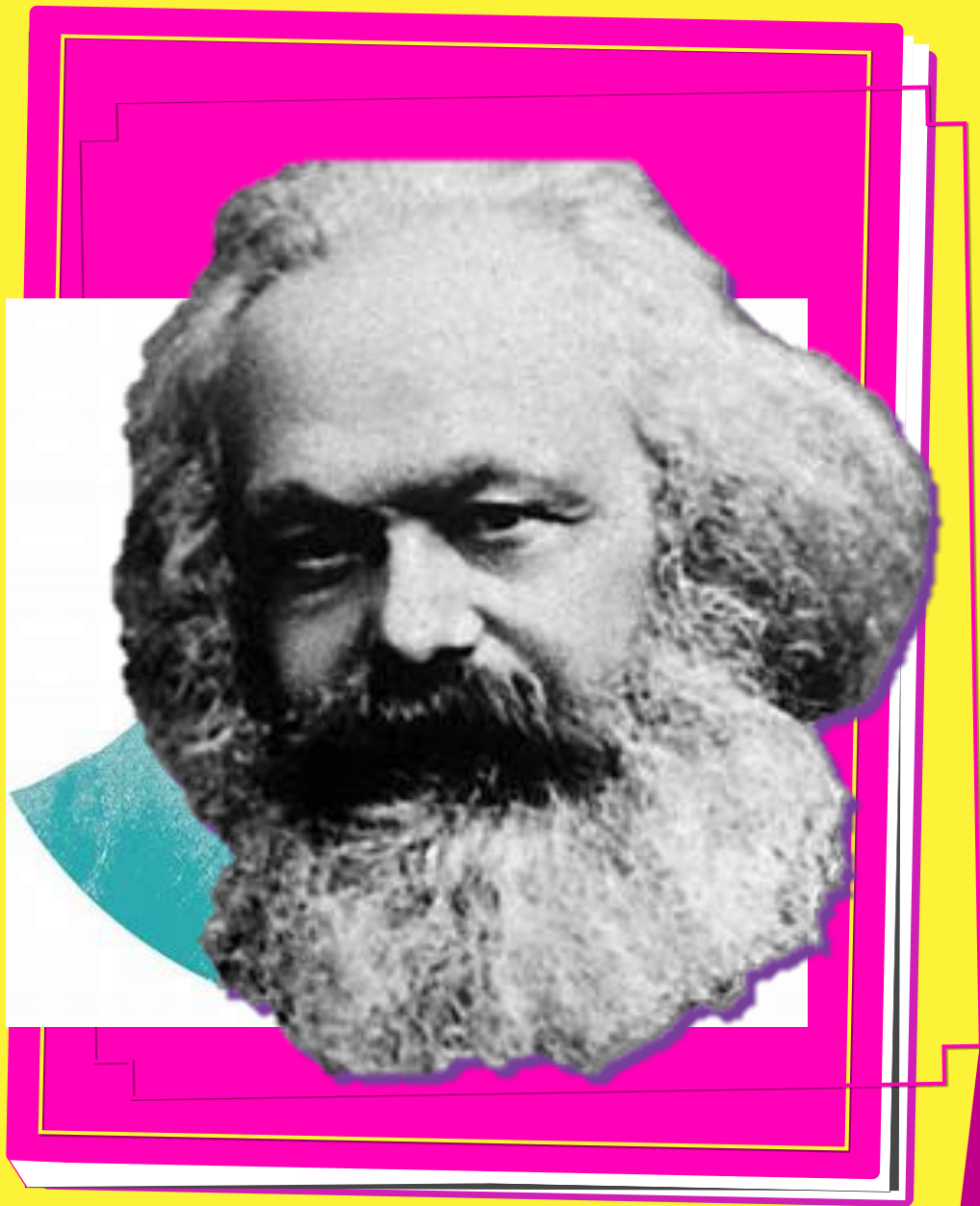
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Sociology

Essentials.

- ▶ Do check carefully the modules offered by each University; this will make a huge difference!
- ▶ BA/ Bsc/ Bsocc – range of different emphasis
- ▶ If a social science code; wide range of A-Levels – ideally an essay subject
- ▶ If Bsc- ideally one science..



A-Level: Preferred choices

- Economics;
- Government and Politics;
- Economics and Social History;
- Mathematics;
- Philosophy; Religious Studies;
- English Language; English Literature;
- Geography;
- Psychology;
- Classical Civilisation;
- History;
- Biology;
- Chemistry;
- Physics;
- Modern Languages





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- ▶ Clear understanding of what the subject *is*
- ▶ Competitions: Essays etc
- ▶ Why you: **skills** and **attributes**
- ▶ Work Experience (not essential at all): People and communication focussed

Top Universities: Sociology

	Entrance Req
University of Cambridge	A*A*A (not standalone)
London School of Economics and Political Science	AAB
UCL	A*AA/AAA
University of Edinburgh	AAA
University of Sheffield	ABB
University of Sussex	ABB/BBB
University of Leeds	AAB

University of Exeter	AAB (34-32 NB lower than normal)
Durham University	AAB
University of Warwick	ABB (32 IB)
Loughborough University	ABB (34)
University of Southampton	ABB
Manchester	ABB /655
University of Bristol	AAB

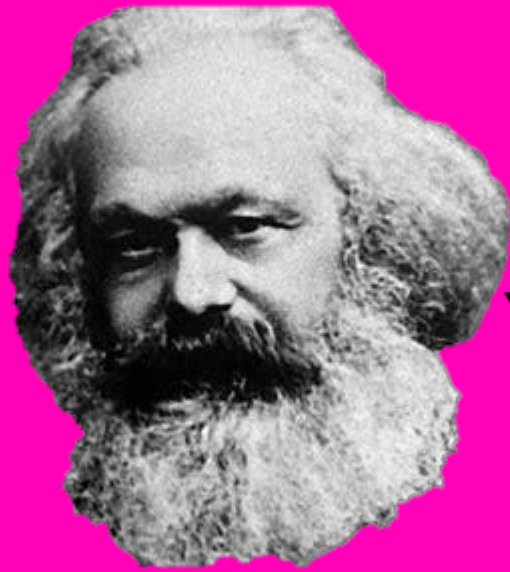
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NB Oxford & Cam do not offer a standalone Soc course at undergrad: Human Sciences and PPE contain Soc



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- ▶ Some modules have specific requirements-check individual Universities: Biological Anthropology/ forensic anthropology!
- ▶ Some Universities only offer certain branches of anthropology at Undergrad level
- ▶ LOTS combine with Archaeology!





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Cambridge	A* A* A/ A* A A
LSE	A* AA
KCL	A*AA/AAA
St Andrews	A*AA/AAA
UCL	A*AA/AAA
Manchester	ABB

Durham	AAA
Bristol	AAA
Aberdeen	AAB
SOAS	AAB
Reading	AAA
Edinburgh	AAB
Birmingham	AAB/AAA



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Criminology

Essentials.

- ▶ Depending on where you want to end up...Check if the course is a Bsc or BA.
- ▶ Depending on the institution- the 'type' of criminology you study can vary hugely!
- ▶ Some Universities only offer certain branches of Criminology at Undergrad level
- ▶ LOTS combine with another social science or public policy for example.
- ▶ It is *not* just about serial killers...
- ▶ Do look into the Police Degree Apprenticeship route/ Civil Service Fast Stream/ Prison Service





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- ▶ Forensics is an oversaturated field in terms of graduates: think carefully about your next steps!

Top Universities: Criminology: Not offered at Undergrad level at all RG uni's

Durham	ABB
UCL	AAB
Loughborough	ABB
Bristol	AAB/ABB
SOAS (Law mix)	AAB
Exeter/ Manchester	AAB

Reading	ABB
Edinburgh	ABB
Swansea	ABB
Surrey	ABB
Cardiff	AAB
Southampton	AAB
Birmingham	AAB
Northumbria	ABB
Lancaster	AAB
Queen's, Belfast	AAB
Royal Holloway	AAB

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Reading Lists

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