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## MA in Global Citizenship, Identities and Human Rights

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The MA in Global Citizenship, Identities and Human Rights explores what recent changes to the global cultural and political landscape mean for individuals and groups in terms of their ability to access human rights – social, economic and cultural as well as political and civil.

Demand for various forms of expertise on human rights, citizenship and identities is rapidly expanding as governments, international agencies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and private sector organisations become increasingly sensitive to and interested in questions about rights and identities. This MA provides students with advanced level sociological knowledge of the concepts of globalisation, citizenship, identity and human rights, as well as a critical understanding of their application in a range of discourses – political, legal, academic, and popular.

It offers opportunities, through elective modules, to develop specialist understanding of human rights law; post-conflict cultures; and/or media and globalisation, rights and identities. The School's close links with several NGOs mean that we can also arrange internships for students seeking work experience in this sector. Internships are available on a competitive basis and are subject to successful interview. All MA students in the School of Sociology and Social Policy join a thriving, diverse and lively postgraduate community.

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## Course structure

The MA can be taken full-time over one year or part-time over two years and consists of taught modules totalling 120 credits, which are taken during the autumn and spring semesters, and a 60 credit dissertation, which is undertaken over the summer period.

All students take the following taught core modules:

- Globalisation, Citizenship and Identity (30 credits)
- Human Rights and Modern Slavery (30 credits)
- Civil Society: The Role of NGOs (15 credits)
- Research Methods and the Dissertation (15 credits)

The module 'Civil Society: The Role of NGOs' involves a combination of classes and seminars featuring presentations by external speakers who undertake research and/or advocacy work around human and citizenship rights in NGOs, international agencies, or media. It is assessed by means of a project evaluating the work of an NGO of the students' choice, and builds upon and develops the School's existing links with research users and collaborators in NGOs, media, and international agencies.

In addition to the core modules, 30 credits from an approved list of optional modules from a range of disciplines are chosen by students, allowing them to further develop specialist knowledge of fields or issues that are of particular concern to them. Sample optional modules include:

- Non-Governmental Organisations (15 credits)
- Post Colonialisms (30 credits)
- International Human Rights Law (30 credits)
- International Protection of Refugees (15 credits)
- Globalisation and its Discontents (15 credits)

For further information on modules available, please visit <http://winster.nottingham.ac.uk/modulecatalogue>

## Assessment

The core modules are assessed by written work of between 4,000 words (for a 15 credit module) and 6,000 words (for 30 credit modules). Optional modules may be assessed in a variety of ways, including essays and examinations. A dissertation of between 15,000 and 20,000 words in length must be submitted by the end of the summer period. The dissertation is a key component of the degree. It gives students the opportunity to conduct independent research on a topic of their choice under the supervision of sociologists who are nationally and internationally known for their expertise on citizenship, national and ethnic identities, globalisation, human rights and children's rights.

## Entry requirements

Candidates are normally required to hold an honours degree at 2:1 level or above (or its international equivalent) in a social science or humanities subject. Students without this formal qualification but with other relevant qualifications or employment experience will be considered on an individual basis. Those whose first language is not English must also achieve an overall score on the British Council IELTS test (Academic) of at least 6.5; or a TOEFL score of 573 (with a TWE of 5.0) on the paper-based test or 230 on the computer test (with a TWE of 5.0).

## Applications

Candidates are encouraged to apply online at <https://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk>

## Enquiries

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