The School of Social & Political Sciences is home to a vibrant academic community that combines high-quality teaching with outstanding research.

We offer a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in subjects which include criminology, international relations, politics, social policy and sociology.

Students learn from our expert staff, many of whom are recognised as leading authorities in their fields. Areas of research expertise in the School include the security and intelligence services, citizenship, youth participation, Chinese and Russian politics, community cohesion and ageing societies.

The School has close links with organisations such as Addaction, Lincolnshire Probation Trust, HMP Nottingham, the Fraud Investigation Service and the National Police Improvement Agency. A series of guest lectures from these organisations and other speakers, including national politicians, runs throughout the year.

You will learn from, and be inspired by, our successful alumni, who regularly return to the University to share their experiences with current students.

Many of our students take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad during their course, allowing them to experience different cultures and develop language skills. Our field trips allow you to gain first-hand experience of your subject; recent visits have included the United Nations in New York and the European Parliament in Brussels.

This brochure provides a great insight into our School, but to experience our supportive culture and facilities first-hand, we recommend you to visit us on an Open Day.

Dr Jacqui Briggs
Head of School
News and Research

Research is a core element of the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Lincoln. It contributes to knowledge, responds to problems and enhances teaching. Our students have the opportunity to engage in this research, informing their own study and gaining valuable transferable skills for future employment.

The Policy Studies Research Centre (PSRC) acts as the research focus for the School, undertaking research at local, regional, national and international levels across a range of policy-relevant areas of social science.

There are five main research groups in the PSRC:

- Governance and Regulation: Enabling improved participation and scrutiny of governmental and political processes.
- Social Inclusion/Exclusion: Empowerment of disenfranchised groups.
- Global Civil Society and Human Rights: Issues relating to standards of human existence and their protection in international and domestic law.
- Pedagogy: Social and political science education, how it functions and how it may be improved.
- Participation and Representation: Voter turnout, voter apathy and potential policies for improving civil participation.

The PSRC aims to continuously improve the research environment, invest in the building of key research capabilities and resources, underpin the continued professional development of researchers, raise the impact of research outputs, and strengthen the postgraduate offering. Find out more about the PSRC here: policystudiesresearchcentre.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk

Should the Voting Age be Lowered?

Dr Jacqui Briggs is Head of the School of Social & Political Sciences. Her research focuses on youth and politics. One particular area of investigation is the proposal for the voting age in the UK to be lowered to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in elections.

Dr Briggs says: “I have been involved in research in this area for several years, but at the moment lowering the voting age seems to be particularly in favour, and support is gathering momentum thanks to 16 year olds being allowed to vote in the recent Referendum on Scottish Independence. This is not the only example; the voting age was recently reduced to 16 in Austria and is also already at that age in the Isle of Man and Jersey and Guernsey. My opinion is that allowing 16 year olds to vote is a policy which is only a matter of time away, with several of our political parties supporting the suggestion.”

“Should the V oting Age be Lowered?”

I suggest, however, that 16 and 17 year olds, those still at school, are incredibly interested in politics and how the country is governed, and as such should have the right to vote.

“I believe we underestimate our young people in many ways. They are grounded, determined, know what they want, are aware of the issues that affect them and their families, and grasp the importance of open and fair debate.”

Dr Briggs has also spent time looking specifically at how young women engage with politics, and is interested in the reasons why some people are passionately engaged in politics and others are not. She adds: “I am involved in lobbying parliament, particularly the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Women, and believe we should establish an inquiry on young women in politics to see how we might redress the balance of male and female political participation in the future.”

Research by Dr Jacqui Briggs
**Terrorism and Conflict Analysis**

Dr Kaisa Hinkkainen, a lecturer from the School of Social & Political Sciences, is an expert in terrorism and conflict analysis. Her recent work examines the patterns between terrorism and their geographical location.

Dr Hinkkainen says: “My research focuses on strategic elements of terrorism. I investigate the targets, tactics and financing of terrorism and how these change based on the capabilities and opportunities available to the groups. I use geographical and quantitative methods to observe the empirical patterns of terrorism.”

Dr Hinkkainen has been published within this subject area a number of times. She says: “Two of my co-authored projects investigate how economic sanctions influence terrorism. Some of my other work in progress includes looking at terrorist targeting patterns in different geographically coded locations in Afghanistan based on opium cultivation areas, and rebel groups using different levels of violence dependent on their access to natural resource wealth, such as alluvial diamonds. In addition to terrorism and conflicts, I specialise in civil wars and peacekeeping.”

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**Investigating the Legacy of State Violence**

Dr Lisa White, a senior lecturer of Criminology at the University, recently published a book with Routledge, titled: *Transitional Justice and Legacies of State Violence. Talking about Torture in Northern Ireland.*

Based on a combination of documentary material and contemporary interviews, Lisa’s book uncovers the reasoning behind many Republican former detainees’ accounts of state violence and torture. It examines the aims of those who “went public” during the conflict and discusses the meaning they attached to their stories and the various responses to them. It also identifies some of the risks involved in criticising the violence of the British State and illuminates the ways in which “truths” are often contested in Northern Ireland – both during the conflict and in the years which have followed.

A unique piece of interdisciplinary work, Lisa’s study disentangles and evaluates the discourses presented by former detainees and makes an innovative and interesting contribution to knowledge about transitional justice and legacies of state violence.

Dr Lisa White’s research into human rights, state violence, criminology and social justice forms a key aspect of the School of Social & Political Sciences.

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**Social Movement Campaigns on EU Policy**

Dr Louisa Parks, a lecturer in the School of Social & Political Sciences, is investigating how social movement campaigns influence European policy – a particularly pertinent question in today’s political climate of disillusionment with Europe in many member states.

Dr Parks’ book *Social Movement Campaigns on EU Policy: In the Corridors and in the Streets,* draws on a range of campaigns launched by social movement organisations from genetically modified organisms and internet freedom to trade union rights and water rights to illustrate how citizens can (and can’t) influence EU policies.

Dr Parks says: “Social movements are fascinating for students of the social sciences. They bring people together around issues they feel strongly about, and when people act together they have huge potential power to change society and politics. I am particularly interested in how social movements work when they cross national borders to address international organisations like the European Union.”

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**Social Exclusion of the Oldest-old in Britain**

The oldest people in society are often the most neglected, both in terms of social groups and in policies surrounding public services. Dr Wesley Key, from the School of Social & Political Sciences, is conducting extensive research into the social exclusion of older people.

Dr Key’s research focuses on those aged 85 and above. Referring to the group as the “oldest-old”, it is the fastest growing age group in the UK, which Dr Key notes has implications for both the government and the taxpayer.

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**Childhood Victimization and Youth Offending**

A high proportion of young offenders have experienced trauma in their past, which can have implications for those who work within the youth justice system. Maureen Maxwell, Senior Lecturer in the School of Social & Political Sciences, is an expert in young people, crime and histories.

Maureen says: “Trauma is not just about maltreatment in terms of abuse and neglect, the consequences are lifelong and victimised children are vulnerable to subsequent victimisation. The multiple and interrelated nature of child victimisation is referred to as polyvictimisation.”

Maureen is very interested in the effects of trauma on development and subsequent behaviour, including criminal behaviour.

She continues, “Lots of children are victims before they become offenders and it is important to raise awareness so appropriate action can be taken.”

Maureen has worked with postgraduate students and academics at Lincoln to investigate childhood victimisation. Her publications include the *Portrait* of the Adopted Child in British Newspapers and Magazines, *Attributions for Youth Crime: Accountability and Legal Competence and Surviving in the Shadows of War: Polycrimeed Children in Post-conflict Angola.*

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**Research by Dr Kaisa Hinkkainen**

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The School of Social & Political Sciences has an extensive portfolio of undergraduate programmes that are designed to prepare you for the world of work. Whatever your career plans, you will gain skills and experiences and a global context to understand social and political agendas.

Our Undergraduate Courses:

**BA (Hons) Criminology**

The study of the nature, causes, control and prevention of criminal behaviour is at the forefront of current political discourse, increasing the need for talented and qualified criminologists. At Lincoln, the study of Criminology is interdisciplinary, drawing on sociology, anthropology, psychology and the law. Specialist areas include youth culture, human rights, resistance, penal policy and war crimes. The wide variety of subject areas studied will enable you to pursue a diverse range of careers after you graduate.

Lincoln’s Criminology degree helps you to develop an understanding of the complex nature of crime, punishment and justice. You examine alternative solutions to crime prevention and investigate the impact of crime on society.

Criminology is a well-established discipline at Lincoln that has received awards for teaching. In 2013, it won the British Society of Criminology’s National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology.

**BA (Hons) International Relations**

International Relations is the study of how political, economic and cultural forces interact to mould relationships between nations. The balance of these dynamics enables peace and trade to be maintained in a complex, globalised world, where pockets of tension can rapidly escalate beyond borders.

Lincoln’s International Relations degree encompasses politics, economics, history, sociology, international law, geography and cultural studies. You examine the complex political issues that affect the world, such as global inequality, religion and sectarianism, conflict and democratisation.

There is the opportunity to study abroad for a year as part of this course, enabling you to add a global perspective to your learning and experience other cultures. Recent destinations have included Belgium, Sweden and the USA.

**BA (Hons) Politics**

Politics has a major impact on all areas of our lives, from where we live, to what we eat, how we dress, speak and behave. This course covers domestic and global politics, political theory and international relations. Students explore the political issues of Britain, Europe, America, Asia and the Middle East in their historical and theoretical contexts.

Politics at Lincoln encourages you to develop your own ideas, conduct research, present arguments thoughtfully and debate points of contention with your peers.

You have the opportunity to work alongside research-active academics within the School who offer a thorough grounding in political theory, enabling you to explore contemporary issues in detail while developing vital analytical, evaluative and critical-thinking skills.

**BA (Hons) Sociology**

Sociology students are scholars of human social behaviour, examining the dynamics of communities and groups in order to further our understanding of collective processes and better inform the policies that shape and govern society.

The curriculum at Lincoln draws on the expertise of staff whose research actively informs contemporary academic and public policy debates. You gain an insight into the fabric of different societies, groups and political structures. You learn about the changing nature and role of the family unit, how technological advances have transformed the way we interact and what subcultures can teach us about mainstream society.

You have the opportunity to study at an academic institution overseas. The School of Social & Political Sciences currently links with universities across Europe and the USA, in both English and non-English speaking institutions.

**BA (Hons) Social Policy**

Social Policy at Lincoln explores how social problems arise, how governments react and the impact this has on society. You will learn how to critically analyse the fairness of policies and explore public and media response.

Teaching is informed by the research expertise of our academic staff, who regularly contribute to national policy debates. You will draw on a range of social science disciplines, including sociology, politics, philosophy, economics, geography and law, using various approaches to examine welfare, poverty, social exclusion and inequality and tackling difficult and often controversial topics, including current issues in the news.

You have opportunities to undertake voluntary work placements with local councils, which offers valuable experience of a professional social policy environment and is coordinated around your studies.

**BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics**

The study of these two interdisciplinary subjects enables you to appreciate the way in which a country’s international concerns influence and feed into its social policy.

**BA (Hons) Criminology and Social Policy**

Studying Criminology alongside Social Policy allows you to understand how theories of social justice affect policy and practice in society.

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Studying these closely related subjects develops your understanding of political theory and the themes that influence international relations. It builds an appreciation of different political cultures and traditions.

**Joint Honours Degrees:**

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**BA (Hons) Politics and Social Policy**

Studying these closely connected subjects, you explore how political cultures shape both the way governments define social policies and the impact they then have on people’s lives.
Study Abroad

Overseas visits are a feature of our courses and some students can opt to study abroad.* Recent study placements have included Juniata College in Pennsylvania USA, Malmö University in Sweden and Ghent University in Belgium.

Field trips allow students to gain first-hand experience of their subject. These study tours involve visits to key international organisations and political institutions as well as briefings from diplomatic, military, political and civil society figures.

Students can enjoy a variety of degree-relevant study trips:

- State Department, US Capitol and Congress, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, USA.
- Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium; In Flanders Fields Museum and Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in Ypres, Belgium; Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 and Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Zonnebeke, Belgium.
- United Nations Office, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum and International Committee of the Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Simon Obendorf
Senior Lecturer, School of Social & Political Sciences

“Our highly popular overseas study tours add value to students’ degrees. Students supplement the materials they study in their Lincoln classrooms with real-world experience of intergovernmental institutions, security organisations and civil society bodies. Whether it is a lecture on US politics held on the steps of the US Capitol in Washington DC, a Q&A session with diplomats in New York, the chance to observe a war crimes trial in the Hague or an interactive session on European democracy at the European Parliament in Brussels, our study tours are designed to deepen students’ understanding and give them insights into the sorts of careers for which their degrees qualify them.”

*Students will be responsible for the funding of the study trips that they attend. The trips are not covered by tuition fees.
Campus Life

Benefit from a Vibrant City Campus and Fantastic Facilities
Lincoln is a safe and friendly city and a fabulous place for students. Our campus is located next to the picturesque Brayford Pool marina in the heart of the thriving city centre. The combination of a vibrant atmosphere and safe, student-centred community makes historic Lincoln a fantastic place in which to live and study. Our city centre campus offers a unique student experience, with everything you need within walking distance. The library, student bars, student services and accommodation, student health centre and the University’s academic buildings are all found on one campus. More than £170m has been invested in our award-winning facilities, with a further £100m planned as major investment in building and facilities continues.

One-to-one Tutoring
All undergraduate students in the School of Social & Political Sciences are assigned a personal tutor. You will meet regularly with them, on a one-to-one basis and as part of your personal tutor group, to obtain academic support and advice. This hands-on approach ensures that you receive the attention and support needed to fulfill your potential, and is matched equally with independent study, allowing you to develop your own theories to global issues and debate.

Learn from Experts
At Lincoln, you will learn from and work alongside expert staff who are recognized as leading authorities in their field. Head of School, Dr Jacqui Briggs, is former Vice-Chair of the Political Studies Association of the UK, while the University’s Chancellor, Lord Victor Adebowale CBE, is a national campaigner for social justice and equality, and Chief Executive of the social enterprise Turning Point.
The School of Social & Political Sciences has excellent links with national bodies and independent agencies such as Addaction, Lincolnshire Probation Trust, HMP Nottingham, the Fraud Investigation Service and the National Police Improvement Agency. These links give great access to relevant work experience, which puts our graduates in a fantastic position when entering the jobs market.

Student Views

Elizabeth Edwards
BA (Hons) International Relations & Politics
Elizabeth is in her final year of the BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics degree. She was awarded the School of Social & Political Sciences Best Second Year Student in 2014.
Elizabeth said: “I chose this course because I am passionate about international relations and the way people, nations and international organisations shape our world and how perspectives of their actions vary around the globe.
“Lincoln became my first choice after I came along to an Applicant Visit day and took part in some course-related activities. I realised that this was the University for me and I’m very pleased with that decision.
“I enjoy how diverse the modules are and the varied disciplines my tutors have expertise in. The modules take into account current affairs and constantly challenge and inform your perspective.
“The course has enabled me to gain valuable work experience placements with my local council and Mansfield Business Improvement District, which will really help me gain full-time employment once I graduate.”

Alex Wos
BA (Hons) Sociology
“I became interested in the study of sociology because of my interests in people and how societies and nations function as a whole. I find that we all experience some sort of social force that guides us through life, and sociology is a great subject that allows me to have a deeper understanding of what we face throughout our lives.
“I am extremely happy with my choice of studying at the University of Lincoln, as well as studying Sociology, because I feel like I am able to do something I am very passionate about with other people who feel the same way.
“As a future career choice I would like to work with immigration cases for individuals who are facing deportation. Sociology will offer me a new perspective on helping individuals out in a time of need.
“The best advice that I can offer for future sociology students is just to be open to new ideas and be open to a new perspective on life itself. It’s important to be understanding of individuality and consider different ideas to explain social behaviours.”

Connel Luckhurst
BA (Hons) International Relations
Connel Luckhurst was so inspired by his course that he founded the Lincoln branch of Aegis Students, which is committed to campaigning, educating and fundraising to end genocide.
The organisation is the youth arm of the national charity, Aegis Trust. Since 2006, Aegis Students has worked as a grassroots organisation in universities and schools in the UK, Rwanda and USA. Connel’s work included raising awareness of the issue with students on campus and organizing various fundraising events.
Connel said: “I really enjoyed creating the Aegis Students Lincoln group, and raising awareness of such an important topic: contemporary genocide. The Student’s Union was very supportive and I got to meet and work with some amazing students.
“International Relations not only provided me with the skills and knowledge to progress into a career, it allowed me to challenge existing perceptions of how the world works.”
Postgraduate Study

Master’s Programmes

As a postgraduate student at Lincoln, you are an integral part of our academic community. On our Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees you will engage with teaching, learning and research across the University, as well as with businesses and practitioners.

MA Globalising Justice

The MA Globalising Justice is an intellectually stimulating programme that offers the opportunity to comprehensively explore the concepts of human rights and criminal and social justice at an advanced level.

This Master’s degree places particular emphasis upon contemporary developments and current debate. It is based on the core themes of governance, criminal justice and citizenship, into which you will undertake an in-depth investigation. You will develop a critical understanding of the interaction between the policy-making processes, mechanisms and institutions that influence the globalisation of justice.

The specialist knowledge and global perspective you acquire through this programme will be particularly relevant and beneficial to practitioners employed in health, housing, education, social welfare services, the criminal justice system, and the police and probation services.

MA International Relations – new for September 2017

MA International Relations focuses on general theoretical perspectives to provide students with the tools to understand historical and contemporary events within an analytical framework. The emphasis is on explaining and understanding international events, not just the intellectual history of international relations as a field.

The course is particularly useful for those hoping to find work in international organisations and agencies, central and local government, think tanks and advocacy groups in the areas of humanitarian assistance and human rights. Graduates may also choose to complete further studies at doctoral level and will have the opportunity to engage in research alongside leading academics in the field of international relations.

MA Gender and Women’s Studies

The MA Gender and Women’s Studies offers the opportunity to explore ideas of gender and gain knowledge of contemporary issues on gender in a global context and at an advanced level.

This Master’s degree is inspired by a curiosity about gender, how gender operates, what difference gender makes and how gender might be imagined in ways that could facilitate resistance and change. Students will be encouraged to critically examine their own assumptions and, most importantly, to question popular and common sense notions of gender.

MSc Social Research

This interdisciplinary programme provides postgraduate students with rigorous research training and the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of social interactions.

MSc Social Research builds on the University of Lincoln’s wide-ranging expertise across the disciplines of the social sciences to advance your academic knowledge and research skills. Teaching covers research methods, research design and data analysis, while elective modules in your chosen discipline enable you to develop a subject-specific focus.

Research Study

Postgraduate research in the School of Social & Political Sciences is informed by the expertise of our team of academics, who have long-standing links to industry, government, research organisations and the voluntary sector.

Opportunities for research are available across a range of topics in social and political sciences. Current research projects include the politics of anti-social behaviour, quality physical education, transforming higher education, new social movements in the Middle East, support for people with HIV/AIDS, the 1984/5 miners’ strike, gender and violence, the Gambling Act 2005, and democracy and human rights in Africa.

You will benefit from a structured programme of training to develop the research competencies and professional practice skills that will enhance both your postgraduate study and future career. There are opportunities for collaborative working across disciplines and you will be supported to apply for funding, attend conferences and publish your work.

Graduates may use their high-level research skills and knowledge to establish careers in fields related to their research. Many pursue roles in research, government, the criminal justice system and other public services, as well as academia.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees are available in:

- MPhil/PhD Criminology
- MPhil/PhD International Relations
- MPhil/PhD Politics
- MPhil/PhD Social Policy

To apply for a postgraduate course, please visit www.lincoln.ac.uk/pg For more information, telephone our Postgraduate Team on +44 (0)1522 886644 or email pgenquiries@lincoln.ac.uk

Ian Smith

MA Globalising Justice

Since drafting his very first business plan on scrap paper in the Students’ Union, Ian Smith is now the founder of the first employer-led offender training programme in the UK. He has launched a vocational young offenders’ academy that offers training to young people in custody and those in danger of offending.

Since graduating from the University of Lincoln, Ian’s work has helped to improve offender rehabilitation in the UK. He has designed pioneering new training courses to be offered in prisons, youth offender institutions and secure mental health institutions. Ian is now Head of Offender Rehabilitation at Gelder Group, where his programmes are being rolled out.

Ian says: “I chose Lincoln for my undergraduate study because I was immediately attracted to it as a very personal university – each student is more than just an enrolment number and there is a great sense of community. I had vision and a career goal, which the University wanted to support me with.

“My time at Lincoln has provided me with both a quality education and great connections for life after graduation. I wouldn’t be where I am now without the University of Lincoln.”

To apply for a postgraduate course, please visit www.lincoln.ac.uk/pg For more information, telephone our Postgraduate Team on +44 (0)1522 886644 or email pgenquiries@lincoln.ac.uk

Postgraduate Study
Careers in Social and Political Sciences

Nine out of ten of our most recent graduates were in work or further study six months after finishing their course. We are proud that the University of Lincoln ranks in the top 20 for graduate prospects in a number of subject areas in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015, and has also recently been named among England’s top 40 universities.*

We have an active alumni network, with many of our most successful graduates returning to Lincoln to share their knowledge with current students at our annual series of alumni networking events. Our ethos is to provide an education and experience which enables our students to achieve the future they want and that relationship extends long beyond graduation. Our students are part of the Lincoln family for life.

Tailored Services
The School of Social & Political Sciences has a dedicated Careers and Employability Adviser who runs a drop-in clinic, providing personal guidance appointments for undergraduate, postgraduate and research students.

From Lincoln to Westminster

Two of our alumni were recently elected as Members of Parliament in the 2015 General Election.

Andrea Jenkyns graduated from our BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics in 2014 and was elected as the Conservative MP for Morley and Outwood, unseating Ed Balls. 2004 alumnus, Martin Vickers, who studied BA (Hons) Politics, was re-elected for a second term as the Conservative MP for Cleethorpes.

Anna-Louise Mackenzie
BA (Hons) Criminology

“I completed The Lincoln Award, gaining invaluable employability skills and experiences. I was also elected as a Student Representative for my course in my final year, which allowed me to liaise with staff and students to voice the student opinion and challenge relevant student and educational issues.

In addition to these valuable experiences, the School of Social & Political Sciences chose me to take part in two external research projects with members of staff, which resulted in the publication of a written report for one of them, as well as presenting at the Students as Producers Conference hosted at the University of Lincoln.

“The dedication and support I received meant I could excel in study and gain first-hand experience of the different professional roles I wished to pursue. Having exposure to such highly sought after opportunities has directly resulted in me now working for Lincolnshire Police.”

Charlotte Partington-McDermott
BA (Hons) Politics

Charlotte was awarded the School of Social & Political Sciences Best Student in Politics in September 2014 and is now studying Politics at postgraduate level.

“Lincoln was undoubtedly the right place for me; it gave me the feel of a big city without the drawbacks of big city life. Academically, lecturers were diverse in their opinions and outlooks, meaning that the course was incredibly interesting, providing a range of topics to get stuck in to. Tutors took the time to engage with us on a personal level and were always accessible and approachable.

“I was encouraged to question the claims put before us. We were never asked to agree with what our lecturers said, but to respect their ideology. We were encouraged to examine knowledge and the way it is created and how research itself is conducted; I think this is one of the most valuable skills I have learnt at Lincoln.”

Katie Faherty
BA (Hons) Criminology and Social Policy

Katie graduated in 2014 and began work as a Commissioning Support Officer at Lincolnshire County Council, supporting people with learning disabilities, mental health and autism.

“The Social Policy part of my degree really helped me to get the job,” said Katie, who chose Lincoln because of the diverse range of modules on the course.

“The knowledge I gained from the modules, Analysing the Policy Process, Understanding the Policy Process, and Diversity Difference and Exclusion helped me apply my degree directly to this field of work.

“The most enjoyable part of the course for me was the independence and new skills I gained, such as researching, essay writing, and giving presentations. The University of Lincoln has enabled me to develop a new level of confidence and communication skills.”

* According to The Complete University Guide 2016

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There are many ways for you to engage with the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Lincoln. Whether you want to visit us and take a look around, join our online community or simply find out more about the opportunities available, we are here to help.

Open Days

We hold Open Days throughout the year, which offer the perfect opportunity for you and your family to explore our campus, speak to lecturers and find out about student life at Lincoln. To find out more and to book your place, please visit www.lincoln.ac.uk/opendays

Postgraduate Masterclasses

At a postgraduate masterclass, you can take part in a lecture or workshop in a subject of your choice to develop your knowledge, as well as meet our academics and other prospective students. Check our website for the next available postgraduate masterclass or email pgevents@lincoln.ac.uk for more information.

Social Media

To keep up-to-date with the latest news and information from the University, follow us on Twitter @UniLincoln and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/universityoflincoln

For updates on the innovative work and achievements of the School of Social & Political Sciences, follow the School’s blog and Twitter feed at lsssalumni.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk and @ul_sfps

International Students

The University of Lincoln provides a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere for international students who are looking to study in the UK. Lincoln is one of the safest and friendliest university cities in the UK with great transport links to London and other major cities. A wealth of information is available at www.lincoln.ac.uk/international
A Life-changing Education.

Discover more at one of our Open Days, visit www.lincoln.ac.uk/opendays for details.