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*This new ground-breaking, multi-disciplinary Masters programme combines expertise from human geography and social policy to explore the lives of children and young people across the globe. This unique course demonstrates the impact of research on children, youth and families from the social sciences, and will develop your skills as an independent researcher in this field.*

## Programme of Study

Our MA Childhood, Youth and Social Policy explores children and young people's lives in diverse contexts and related social policy debates. It critically examines current advanced research on children, young people and families with reference to relevant theories and concepts in human geography and the wider social sciences. This programme will develop your understanding of the key concepts and theorisations of childhood and youth, as well as enhance your knowledge on children and young people's lives across the Global North and South.

This MA programme will also help develop your skills in a range of research methods, especially those relevant to the study of childhood and youth and attentive to young people's 'voice'. You will complete an independent research project on themes related to children, youth and/or families. Our MA Childhood, Youth and Social Policy demonstrates the role of social policy research in shaping wider policy processes and professional practice.

## Who should apply?

This taught Masters course has been designed for recent graduates in the social sciences, as well as government and voluntary sector employees, teachers, youth workers, and local community representatives who are interested in extending their knowledge and skills in this field. Overall, this MA programme will prepare you for employment in diverse professional environments or further study via a PhD programme.

Students will benefit from the wide-ranging, world renowned expertise of our academic staff, all of whom are committed to high-quality, research-informed teaching to ensure the very best learning experience.

## Our expertise...your opportunity

The School of Social Sciences at Loughborough University offers a unique environment to study this subject, drawing on internationally-recognised expertise from Human Geography and Social and Policy Studies. Furthermore, this programme benefits from the 'Centre for Research in Social Policy' based in the School who have developed the influential 'Minimum Income Standard for the United Kingdom'.

Loughborough University is one of the UK's leading universities with an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, strong links with industry and unrivalled sporting achievement. It was voted the Best Student Experience for six consecutive years and is consistently ranked in the top 10 of UK universities in national league tables.

## Entry Qualifications

The provisional minimum entry qualifications are an upper second class (2:1) honours degree in a social sciences subject or equivalent overseas qualification recognized by Loughborough University. Applicants with appropriate professional expertise will also be considered.

For further details at this stage, including overseas English Language requirements, please contact [geography.pgt@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:geography.pgt@lboro.ac.uk)

Details of Loughborough University's Postgraduate Application process are available online via: [www.lboro.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/masters-degrees](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/masters-degrees)

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