



Durham
University

Department of Sociology

Sociology Open Day 2025-26 (also Joint Honours Anth / Soc)

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What we will do today...

Sociology at Durham

Programme Overview

Why Choose Durham?

Application Information



SOCIOLOGY AT DURHAM



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Higher Education and Social Inequalities



PROMOTING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

approach
by Tim Blackman, David Byrne and Gerald Wiatow

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Criminological perspectives on men's violence

Is education "meritocratic"?

Does education promote social mobility or entrench social inequalities?

COMMUNITY PRACTICE

Principles, policies

SECOND EDITION

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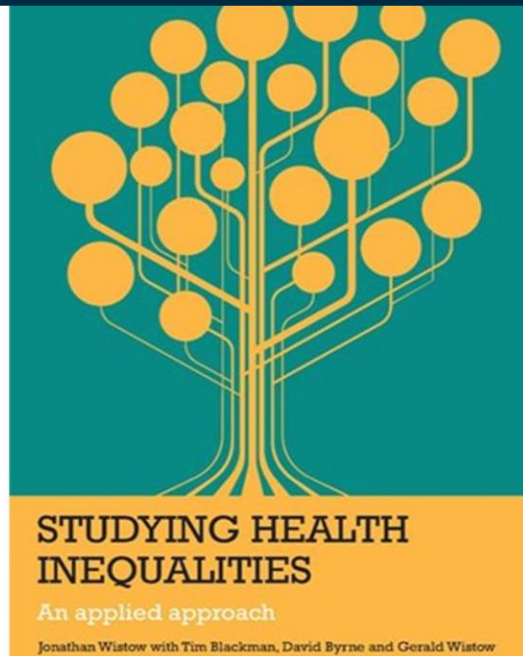
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Health and Social Theory



Why do some people live longer
and healthier lives than others?

Why do people not “comply” with
medical treatment regimes?

Durham Sociology Research...

What are the causes of violence against women and girls...

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Violence and Abuse

MANAGING COMMUNITY PRACTICE

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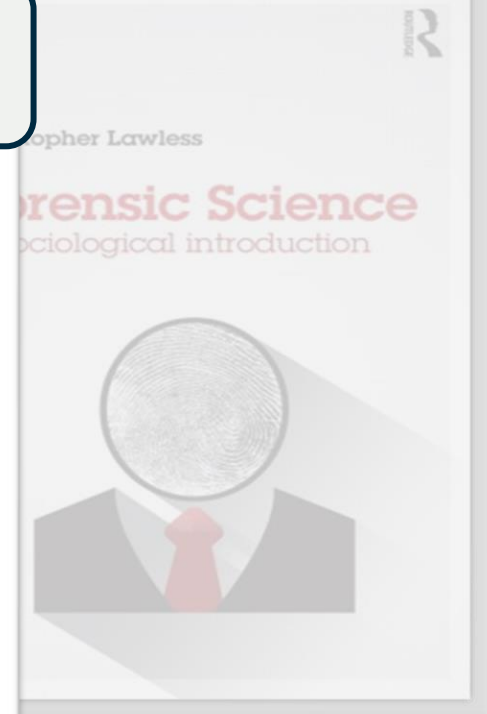
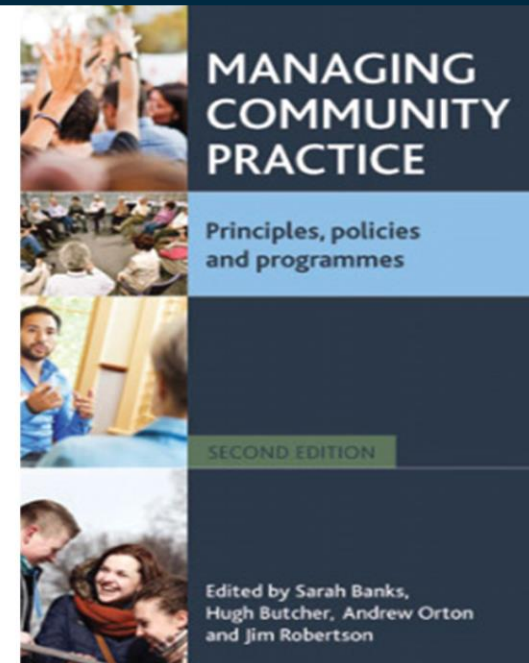
...and what can be done to prevent this violence?

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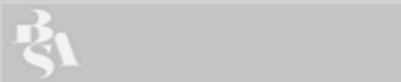
What is the history of racism in the UK and how does it compare to other parts of the world?

What are the causes of hate crime and what can we do to prevent it?

Communities and Social Justice



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University admissions, experiences and outcomes



SOCIOLOGICAL FUTURES

Edited by Richard Waller, Nicola Ingram
and Michael R.M. Ward

STUDYING HEALTH
INEQUALITIES

An applied approach

Jonathan Wistow with Tim Blackman, David Byrne and Gerald Wistow

Is prison an effective solution to youth
crime and deviance?

Is criminalisation of narcotics the best
way to protect individuals and society
from their harms?

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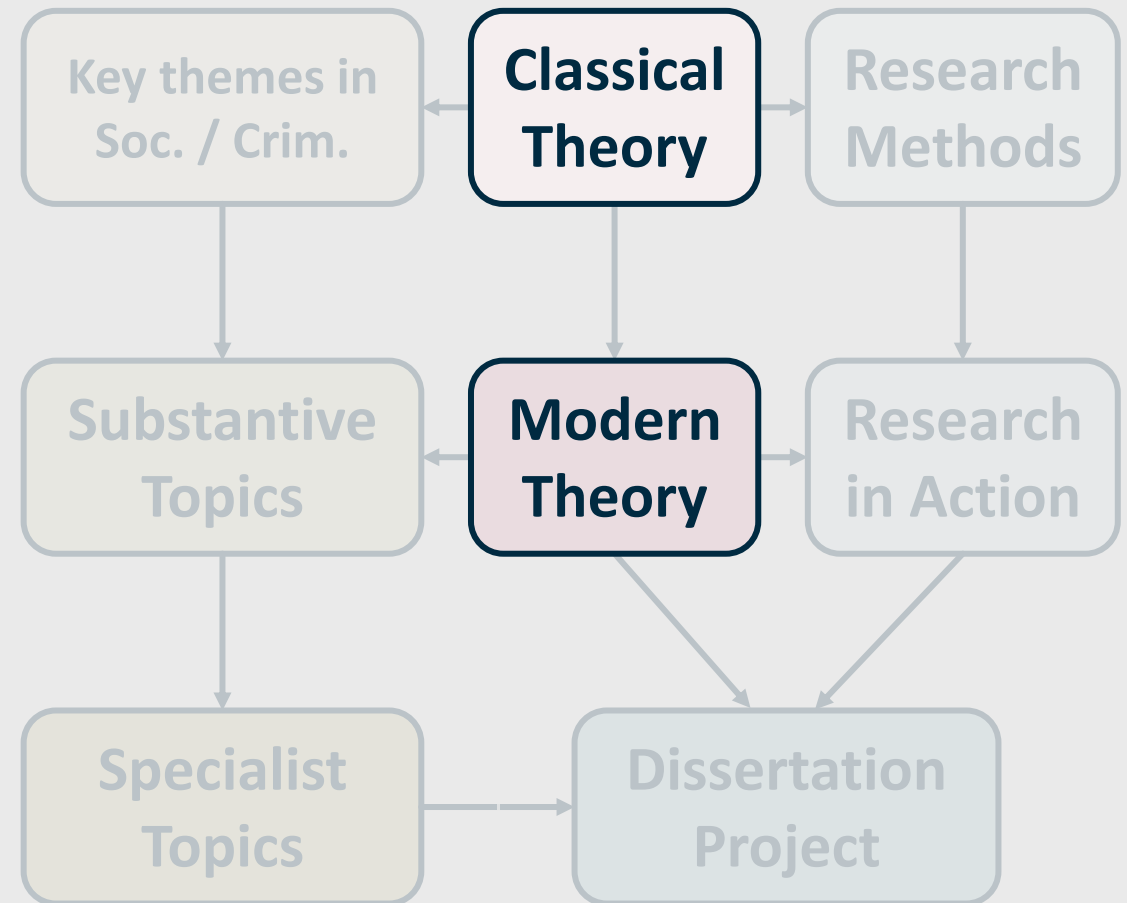
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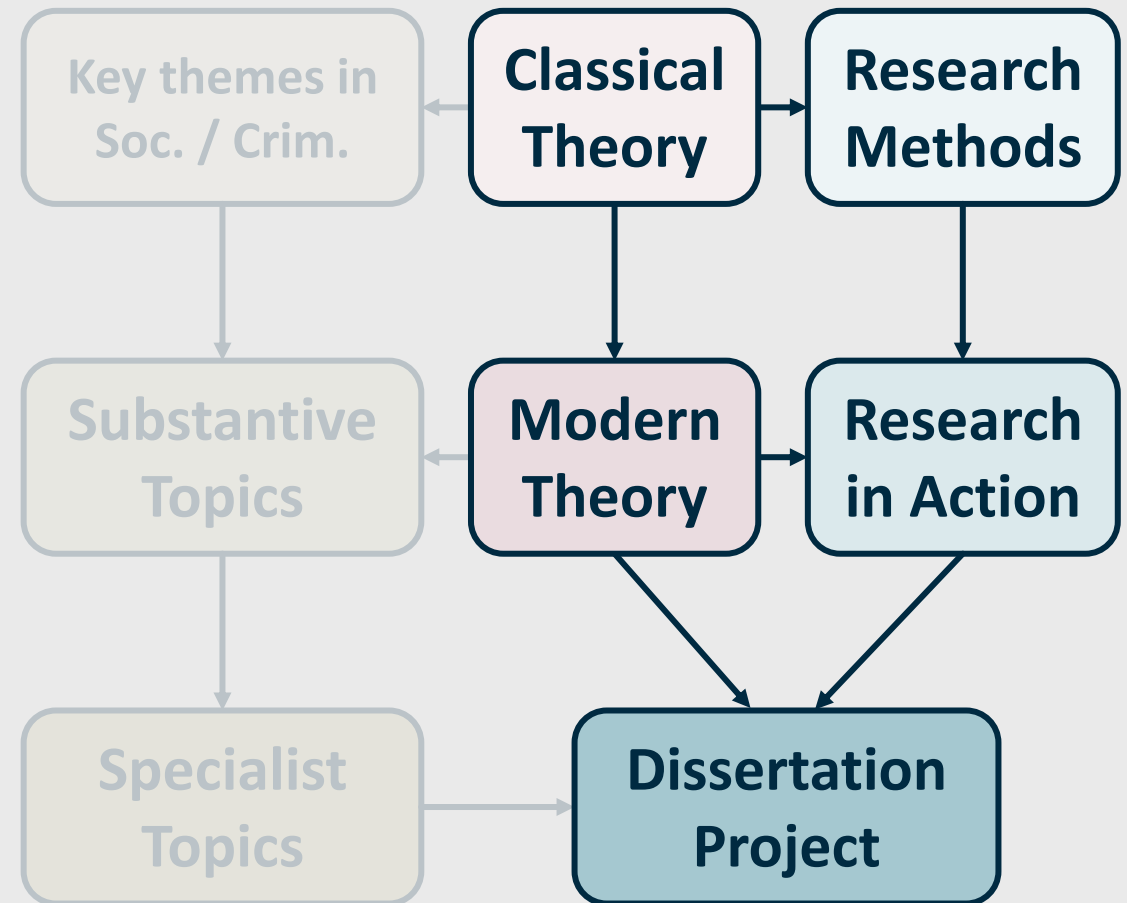
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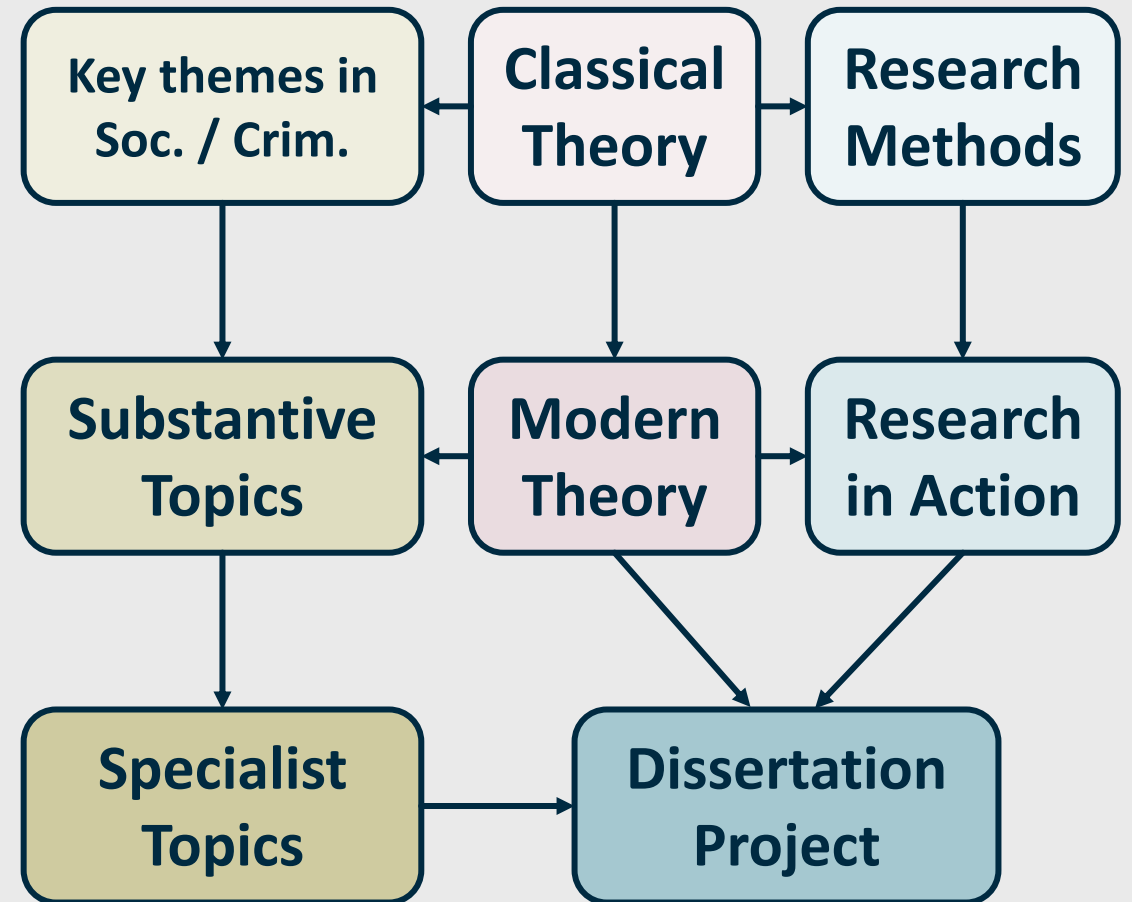
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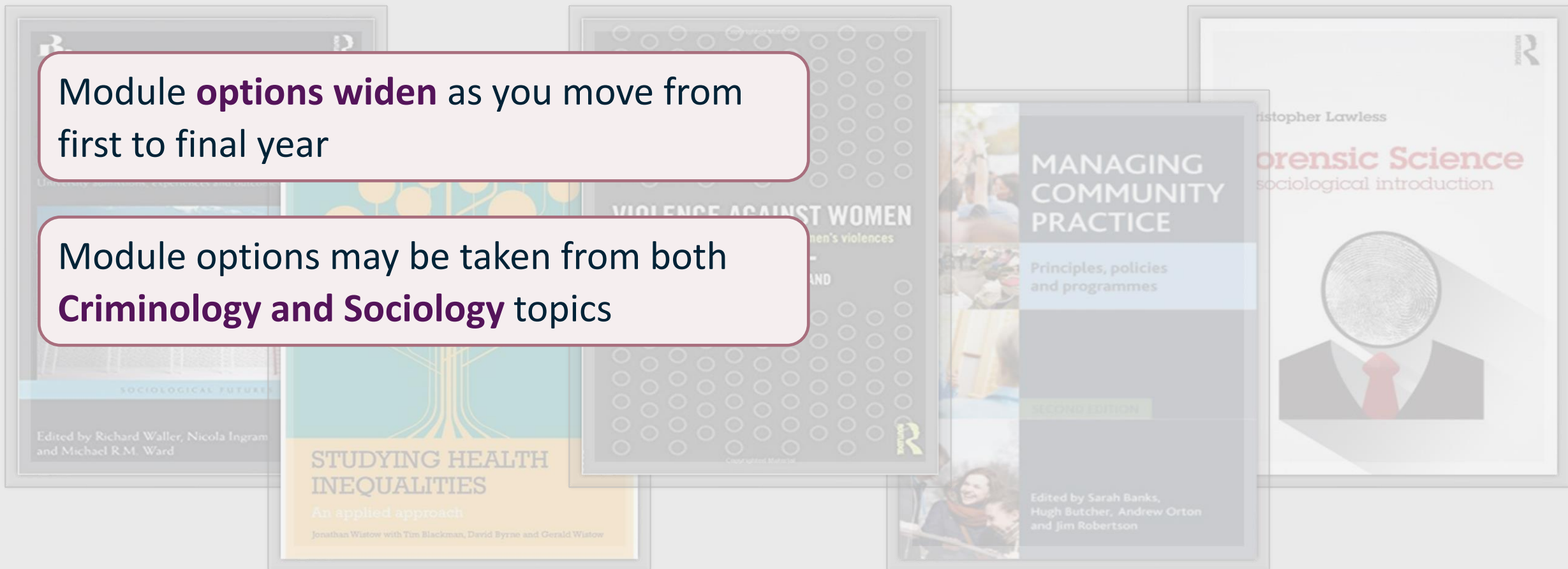


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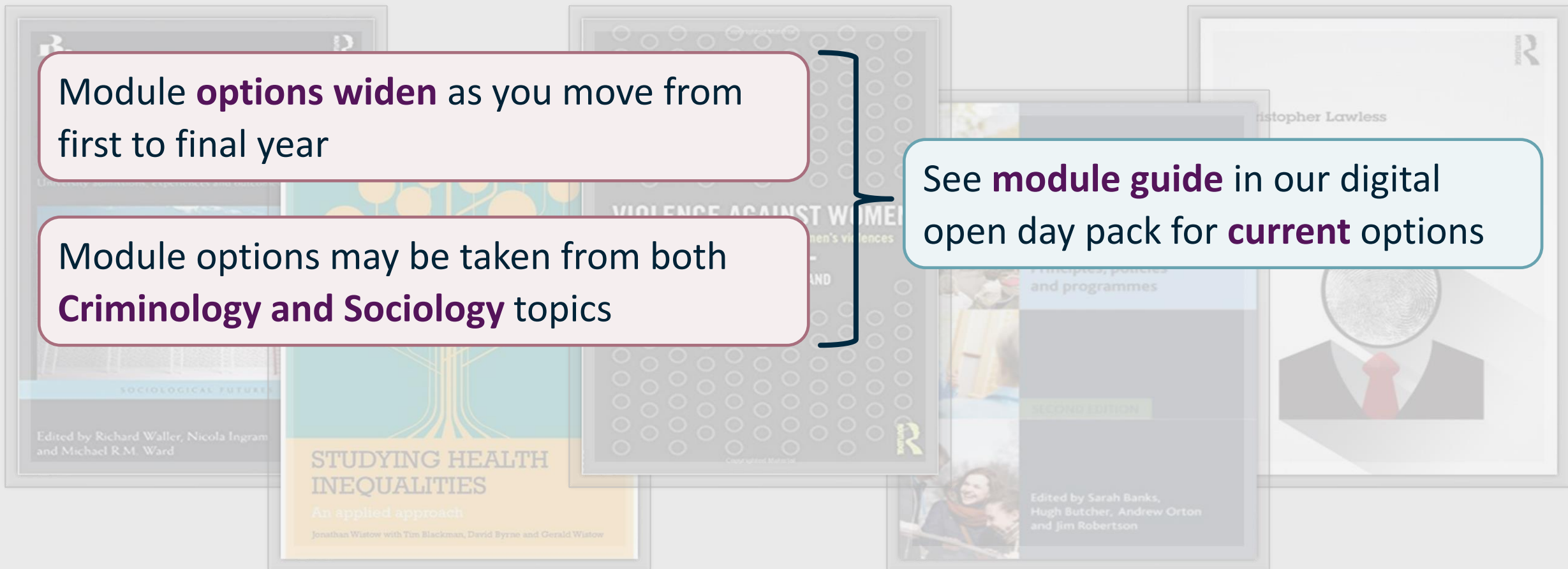
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E.g. No **law** or **politics**

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Durham University Department of Sociology...

Durham Sociology is **well-regarded nationally and internationally...**



1st for Criminology and 3rd for Sociology in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*



20th in the UK (QS World University Subject Rankings 2024)



4th in the UK (for research impact in REF 2021)

Student Sports and Societies...



Work / Community Placement...

Placement Year Option

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Study Abroad...



For info see: www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad

Research Opportunities...

E.g. Laidlaw Scholarship Scheme



Laidlaw Scholars
Undergraduate Research and Leadership Programme

An opportunity to do a supervised research project and undertake leadership training over two years

E.g. Collingwood Research Internships



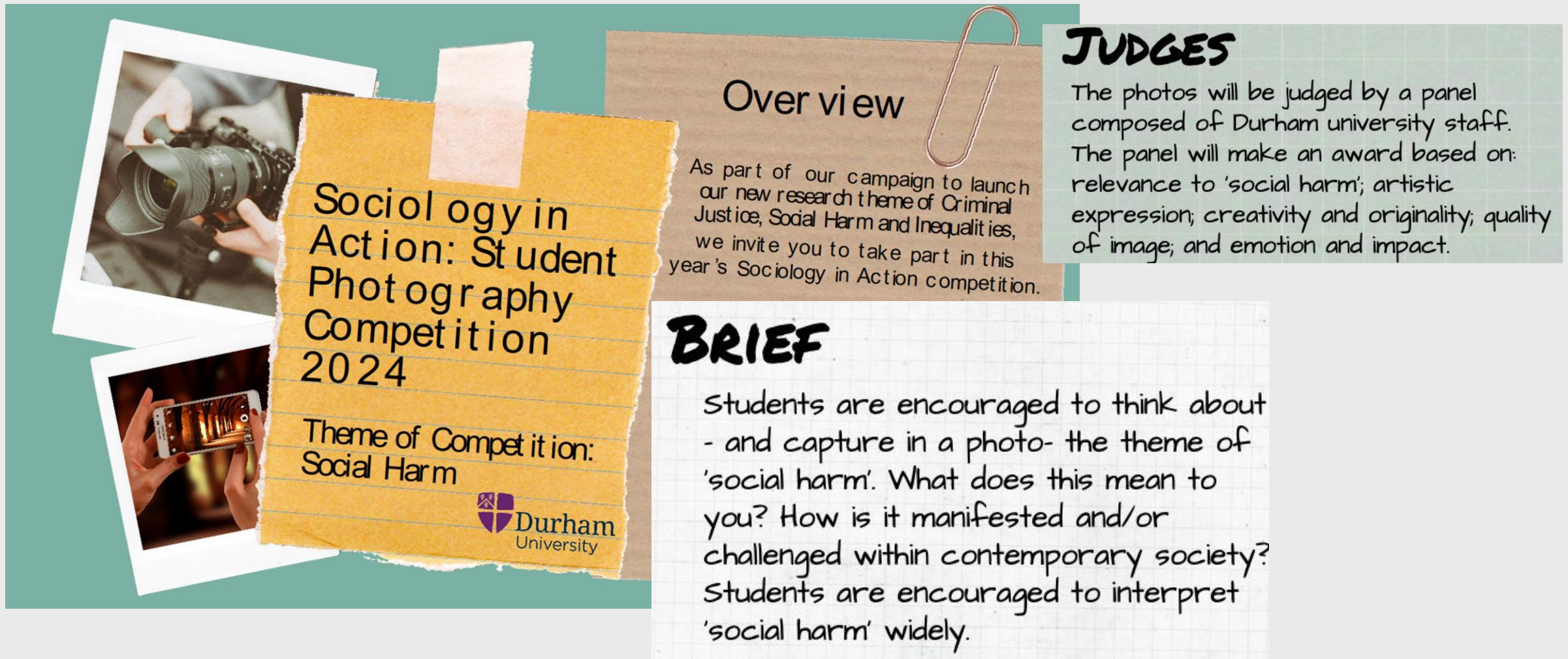
Some colleges offer opportunities for paid research internships over the summer

E.g. MITACS Research Internship




International research internship scheme supporting research in Canadian universities

Public Engagement (Sociology in Action)...



Sociology in Action: Student Photography Competition 2024

Theme of Competition: Social Harm

 Durham University

Over view

As part of our campaign to launch our new research theme of Criminal Justice, Social Harm and Inequalities, we invite you to take part in this year's Sociology in Action competition.

JUDGES

The photos will be judged by a panel composed of Durham university staff. The panel will make an award based on: relevance to 'social harm'; artistic expression; creativity and originality; quality of image; and emotion and impact.

BRIEF

Students are encouraged to think about - and capture in a photo- the theme of 'social harm'. What does this mean to you? How is it manifested and/or challenged within contemporary society? Students are encouraged to interpret 'social harm' widely.

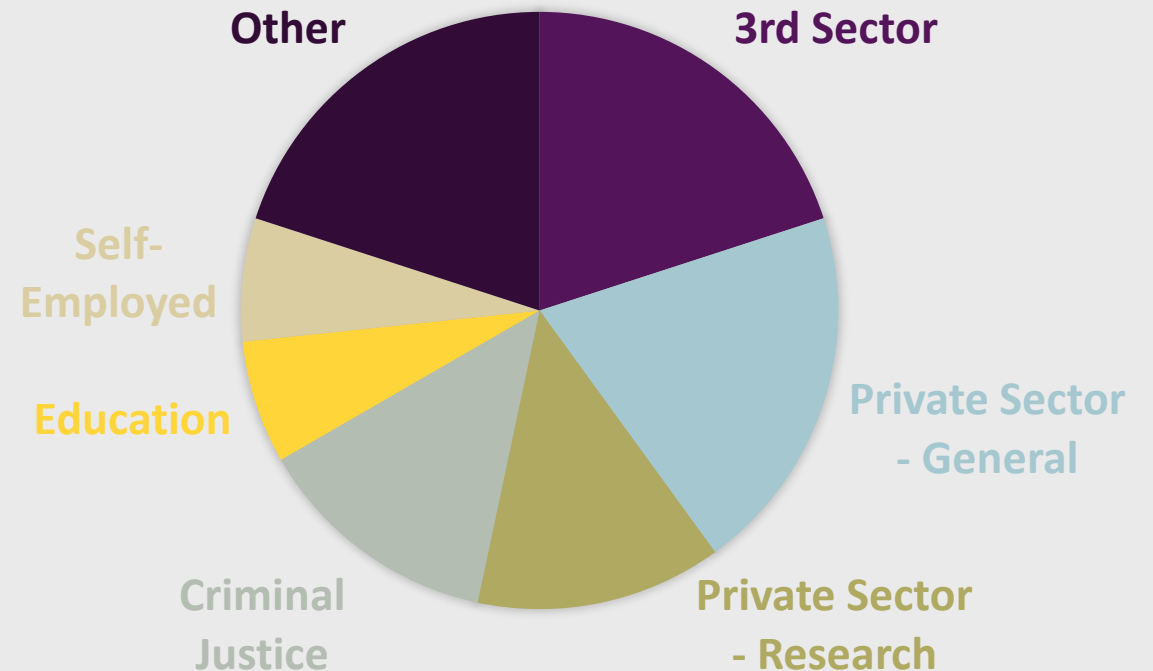
Graduate Career Destinations...

Sociology is not a vocational degree...

Sociology is a diverse subject which can be used as a basis for careers in **many different areas and fields**

The **vast majority (~90%)** of our graduates are in **graduate-level employment or education** 15 months after graduation (HESA GOS)

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS



(Please note these data are quite rough!)

APPLICATION INFORMATION



Admissions...

Standard offers

A-level = AAB

BTECH = DDD

IB = 36 (665)

Reduced offers may be made under our **contextual / merit and potential** offer schemes

Personal statements

We want to see that you **really care about Sociology!**

What bits of it are you **interested** in and **why**?

What **reading, research, social engagement** or whatever have you done to engage with your interests?

Always try and **evidence and explain** what you're saying



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