

# Social Sciences



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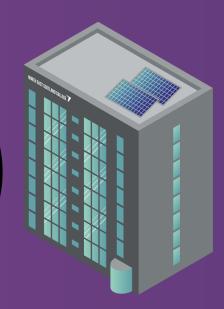
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OUR STUDENTS

LAST YEAR we enrolled 367 full-time

and

229 part-time

**Social Science students** 

99%

99% of Social Science students said they enjoyed the teaching on the course. (First Impressions Survey 2023-2024)

96% of Social Science students would recommend studying at NESCol. (Student Satisfaction Survey 2022-2023) 96%



# OUR LECTURING TEAM

The Social Science team are a welcoming, committed and hardworking professional team of lecturers who are here to provide students with a dynamic, innovative and engaging learning experience.

"We aim to provide students with a high level of Meta-Skills to enable learners to progress onto Higher Education and/or employment"





articulation have agreements universities different across Scotland from our HND programme. Around 80% progress from Year 2 to university with most students progressing to The University of Aberdeen or Robert Gordon University.

## MEET THE TEAM



### Jill Duncan

Curriculum Manager for Social Science in Aberdeen, Jill mainly teaches Criminology and Sociology but is also an Academic Tutor.



### **Amy Stevenson**

Lecturer in Psychology. Amy also teaches Research Methods and is an Academic Tutor. Amy achieved her degree in psychology in 2014 and returned to education in 2016 to do a PGDE in primary education. She left primary teaching to move into teaching further/ higher education at NESCOL. Amy spends her time outside of work with her two big huskies.



### Wendy Third

Lecturer in Sociology, Criminology, Research Issues/ Methods and Academic Improvement Lead. Wendy also teaches the 2nd year Graded Project, Numeracy and ICT subjects and is an Academic Tutor. Wendy achieved her HND in Social Sciences at NESCol before progressing to the University of Aberdeen gaining a degree in Sociology, followed by a Masters in Social Research.



Jenna Noble (based at Fraserburgh Campus)

Curriculum Manager for ESOL, Core Skills and Social Science. Jenna mainly teaches Sociology but covers a wide range of



#### **Dr Tracey Forbes**

Predominantly a Sociology lecturer, but also teaches Philosophy, Criminology and Social Anthropology. Tracey is also one of our proud Academic Tutors. Tracey is a mum of five and grandma to six. She returned to education late, coming to NESCOL to complete her HND, before going on to the University of Aberdeen to complete an MA, MRes and then on to her PhD.



## Stuart Smith

Lecturer in Politics and History, Stuart also teaches Modern Studies and is an Academic Tutor.



## **James Dickinson**

Lecturer in History and Politics. James is also one of the team's Academic Tutors. A late arrival to teaching having spent 20 years in the oil industry – James has a passion for all things historical & political, for his family, his dog, his adopted hometown of Stonehaven and for board & card games.



#### **David Leith**

Lecturer in Sociology & Anthropology. Dave also works for the College's Quality Team. Dave taught at the University of Aberdeen prior to joining NESCol around 19 years ago. He has also taken part in European project work in countries such as Germany, Finland



#### Stuart Anderson (based at Fraserburgh Campus)

Lecturer in Psychology, Philosophy, Research Methodology and various research-based project work. Stuart also teaches Criminology, numeracy, Digital Literacy, and ICT subjects. Stuart is also one of the team's Academic Tutors. Stuart had an extensive employment history before returning to education in his mid-thirties to undertake a Psychology degree. He is also an unapologetic geek with a love of all things science fiction, fantasy, and horror related.



# Joanna Haggath (based at Fraserburgh Campus)

Joanna works part time teaching Psychology, but also in Research Methods and Counselling. She also works within the Learning Opportunities team. Joanna also works within community outreach around Aberdeenshire.



#### Alison McNeil (based at Fraserburgh Campus)

Lecturer for Sociology and Criminology, but also covers a wide range of subjects at Fraserburgh campus. Alison studied her HND Social Sciences at NESCol in Fraserburgh, before progressing to the University of Aberdeen to complete her MA Hons in Sociology.



#### **Debbie Marr**

Debbie began teaching at NESCol after graduating with a degree in Psychology from the University of Aberdeen. She teaches Psychology part-time and is an Academic Tutor. Outwith College her time is mainly spent having adventures with her young family



#### Dr Hannah Agnew

Hannah is a Lecturer in Psychology and Research Methods