

Access Guide to the Sociology Department

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Location of the Sociology department

The department is located on two floors: 6 and 5A (immediately below).

The key facilities on each are as follows:

Level	Room / No.	Access info
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ General Office (6.339)▪ Common Room (6.341)▪ Meeting/Seminar rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Both floors (individually) have level access throughout▪ Information on accessible toilets is given separately in the table below
5A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Resource Centre (5A.307/315)▪ Student Support Services Officer (5A.315)▪ GTA/PhD offices▪ Seminar rooms	

Access to the Sociology department from the main squares

From SQUARE 4 (level 5): enter the building from the 4NW (campus shop) corner:

- **On foot (to Sociology on 5A and 6)**
Go straight through small lobby (passed H5 lift); diagonally across large lobby and up flight of stairs to 5A. Follow corridor along and go left at crossroads (by lift L3). Continue straight along corridor (through Literature and Film Theatre Studies department). The Department of Sociology (on 5A) is at the end of this corridor (to left and right), and stairs here lead to level 6 above.
- **By wheelchair (to Sociology on 5A)**
Either take lift (H5) in small lobby down to level 3; turn right out of lift; continue round to right and follow corridor along to very end; take lift (L3) to level 5A; on exiting lift, go straight across and follow corridor along to Sociology (on 5A) at the end (left and right).

Or take lift (H5) in small lobby to level 6, turn right out of lift and right again into lobby with platform stair lift. Take stair lift to (upper) level 6; follow corridor along to lift (L3) and descend to 5A. On exiting lift, go straight across and follow corridor along to Sociology (on 5A) at the end (left and right).

From SQUARE 3 (level 4): enter the building from the 3NE corner:

- **By wheelchair (to Sociology on 5A)** follow corridor round to lobby and take lift (H5) from lobby to 3 and then follow instructions detailed above (see access from SQUARE 4).

From SQUARE 2 (level 4): enter the building from the 2NE corner (near the Income Office)

- **On foot and by wheelchair (to Sociology on 6)**
Take the lift (L5) or adjacent stairs from lobby to level 6. Go left and left again (through double doors) into stairwell. Take the stairs (or platform lift as necessary) up to Sociology on 6.
- **NOTE:** on foot, 5A can be accessed via stairs here. However, there is no wheelchair access to Sociology on 5A from this approach.

Access within the Sociology department (between 5A and 6)

- **On foot (via stairs)** – 2 staircases (each with 2 flights) link the floors at either end of the department: both have handrails on each side. The stairs linking Sociology on 6 with Maths/Estates (also on 6, but a half-level down) have platform lift which obstructs the handrail on the right side (ascending).
- **By wheelchair** - access between Sociology on levels 5A and 6 is via a choice of routes, both somewhat circuitous (note: there is no direct lift access to Sociology between floors):

From 5A, go through Literature and Film Studies Department, to lift (L3):

- **Route A:** Descend to level 3 and turn left out of the lift. Follow corridor along to lift (H5) and ascend to level 6. On exit, the Blues café is on your left. Go straight across lobby (bearing right) into main corridor, then turn right into the main Estates corridor. Follow to the end, then turn right at t-junction (within Maths Dept), 1st left into lobby, and 1st right into stairwell. Take platform lift to Sociology (level 6).
- **Route B:** Ascend to level 6. Turn left out of lift; follow corridor along to end and take platform lift down into main lobby (Blues café on your left). Continue as for Route A above.

Accessible toilet facilities within the Sociology department

Level	Location	Access information
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the far end of the corridor leading to the new Social Sciences building - nearest office 6.360 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spacious accessible toilet with right-handed transfer ▪ Unisex (though currently indicates 'female'. New sign planned) ▪ Basin accessible from toilet ▪ Toilet height 450 mm
5A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As above (but floor below), nearest office 5A.342 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible toilet with changing bench (adjustable-height) ▪ Toilet height 490mm ▪ Left-handed transfer

Departmental Disability Liaison Officer (DDLO)

Every department has a designated DDLO who has an awareness of disability issues and knowledge of the subject area and the structure of the department.

Location of nearest accessible parking

Disabled drivers (students, staff and visitors) coming to the school should visit the university guidance on [accessible parking](#)