

What should you discuss with your Academic Mentor?

Social Policy students in each Year of study should expect to receive a set number of meetings per term with their Academic Mentor (AM), as laid out below.

These may be individual or within a group (as part of their Mentor Group).

Please note that it is a STUDENT's responsibility to contact/book an appointment with their AM if they wish to speak to them on a 1-1 basis

Below is a guide to topics which you may wish to discuss with your Academic Mentor at various points in the year. This is intended as a guide– your pattern of meetings with your Mentor may differ depending on you and your Mentors' timetable and needs. NB: Mentors will combine AM sessions on specific topics into group sessions for their Mentees, where sensible. However, they will continue to be available for 1-1 advice if students book appointments outside of the suggested timetable laid out below.

Remember that, subject to availability, you can book meetings with any faculty. This is a valuable resource for taking advantage of faculty's specialist knowledge.

In addition, remember that you have been organised into mentor groups for the year. You should think creatively about how you could use these productively – are there any topics or subjects it might be helpful to discuss with your peers? As a mentor group, would you like to discuss any issues collectively with your AM?

Academic Mentoring Timetable

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Autumn Term			
Welcome Week/ Week 1	<p><i>This may be a group meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the AM Role • Course selection <p><i>This meeting will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An Introduction to the AM role ➤ Mentor Group introductions/getting to know one another ➤ Signposting to Departmental and School support ➤ Course Selection ➤ Aims and objectives for the year 	<p><i>This may be a group meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course selection • Year 2 aims and objectives 	<p><i>This may be a group meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering Year 2 results • Course Selection • Year 3 aims and objectives
Weeks 3-7		<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering Year 1 results • Assessment feedback • Progress so far 	<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam/Online Assessment feedback • SP399 Dissertation planning

Weeks 7-10	<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far • Assessment feedback 		<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far • Assessment feedback • SP399 Dissertation final title confirmation (Week 10)
Winter Term			
Weeks 1-2	<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far • Assessment feedback 		<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far • Assessment feedback
Weeks 3 - 4		<p><i>This may be in a group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to think about your SP399 Dissertation • Progress so far • Assessment feedback 	<p><i>This may be individual or in a group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP399 Dissertation progress meeting
Weeks 7-11	<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far • Assessment feedback 	<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <p>SP399 Provisional research area discussions</p>	<p><i>This may be an individual meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far (including, but not limited to, SP399) • Assessment feedback • SP399 Dissertation draft (week 10/11)
Spring Term			
Weeks 1 - 3	<p><i>This may be in a group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam/ST assessments planning meeting 	<p><i>This may be in a group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam/ST assessments planning meeting 	<p><i>This may be in a group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam/ST assessments planning meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which courses interest me for next year? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP399 first meeting with new AM • Next steps with dissertation research • Which courses interest me for next year? 	
Weeks 4- 7			<p><i>This may be in a group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What next after my degree? Linking to LSE Life and Careers

*Please note that in addition to these Mentor Group AM meetings, each student can book appointments with their AM where necessary – in most cases, these can be booked through the Student Hub. Details on how to book appointments with all faculty can be found on the Department's [People webpage](#)