

# BSc(Hons) Social Work and Applied Social Studies (UHSP-AFB33)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	BSc(Hons) Social Work and Applied Social Studies
<b>Route(s)</b>	BSc(Hons) Social Work and Applied Social Studies
<b>Awarding body</b>	University of Bath
<b>Award</b>	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
<b>Award name</b>	Bachelor with Honours
<b>Course mode of delivery</b>	Full time
<b>Course length</b>	3 years
<b>Entry point</b>	September 2024
<b>Main location of study</b>	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
<b>Course-owning school/department</b>	Social & Policy Sciences

## Course Description

<b>Course Summary</b>	Gain knowledge and skills in social work, leading to eligibility to register with Social Work England. You'll mix academic learning and practice placements.
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>This course will prepare you for a challenging and rewarding career in social work. You'll receive comprehensive training to enable you to apply to register as a social worker and practice in a range of settings.</p> <p>You'll be based in the Department of Social and Policy Sciences. Our teaching staff work closely with colleagues across the disciplines of sociology, social policy, criminology and international development. Because of this, you'll benefit from their diverse knowledge and our 50 years of experience in training social work practitioners at the University.</p> <p>Local practitioners, service users and carers also contribute to the course, ensuring your learning is up-to-date and relevant. This helps to prepare you for the reality of social work practice.</p> <p>In Year 1, you'll study social work alongside psychology, sociology and social policy. You will develop your awareness of social inequality and social justice, which will give you the foundation to enhance your social work skills in readiness for your practice placements.</p> <p>In Year 2, you'll do your first practice placement and advance your study of social work. You will explore core social work units, such as social work with children and families, social work with adults and mental health.</p> <p>In your final year, you'll continue your social work studies. In your last semester, you will undertake a final practice placement. During this, you'll build on the knowledge and skills you have developed in previous years and apply this to your practice with service users and carers.</p>
<b>Contact hours</b>	Contact hours  Timetabled contact hours, which may be made up of lectures, practical sessions,

seminars, tutorials and workshops, vary throughout your course and between courses but are typically between 12 and 15 hours a week in your first year.

Our teaching for this course is delivered through in-person learning on campus, supported by high quality online provision. A small proportion of these contact hours may be delivered online, with the significant majority taught on campus. This may be supplemented by additional activities such as a small number of online learning sessions (not live), skills development sessions, and personal tutorials.

The amount of timetabled sessions on campus in later years may vary based on the options you choose, with a greater emphasis on independent learning. Project and dissertation units will generally have fewer scheduled sessions to allow you time for your independent work - this may also mean the number of hours of timetabled sessions each week will vary within a year.

#### Independent learning

In addition to timetabled contact hours, you are expected to undertake independent learning and assessment activities. Typically, this might be around 20 to 28 hours per week in your first year, and include individual research, reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, preparing coursework assignments, presentations, or revising for exams. After your first year, the emphasis on independent learning may become greater.

### **Delivery methods**

Lectures  
Practical sessions  
Seminars  
Tutorials  
Workshops

### **Assessment summary**

You will be assessed in a range of methods designed to develop and test your skills and knowledge.

5% to 10% of your course will be assessed through examinations.

90% to 95% will be assessed through essays, presentations, portfolio work, and your placement.

The final degree classification is determined by your second and final year marks and each contributes 32% and 68% respectively.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities, take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

### **Assessment methods**

Placement  
Examinations  
Presentations  
Essay  
Portfolio work

### **Placement/Study Year Abroad details**

This course includes two mandatory social work practice placements. These take place in the first semester of Year 2 and the final semester of Year 3.

We have established strong partnerships with local agencies to provide you with a wide range of placement opportunities and experiences. All placements will be based within a 50-mile radius of Bath.

In your practice placement, you will apply your knowledge, skills and professional understanding to direct practice with service users. You'll be supported by your Practice Educator, Practice Supervisor and University Tutor.

Students have completed placements within a range of organisations and teams, including adult and children's safeguarding, hospitals, community teams for people with learning difficulties, youth offending teams, adoption and fostering, and community mental health.

We work in partnership with several local councils and social care providers that supply our professional practice placements. These include:

- Alzheimer's Support
- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership
- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Curo
- Developing Health and Independence drug and alcohol service
- Julian House homeless service
- NSPCC
- Somerset County Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- Wiltshire Council

Travel for your placement

In the social work profession, the use of a car is often an essential prerequisite. This is the same for our social work placements, due to the requirement to visit people and services across large rural areas.

Except in cases of exemption under protected characteristics outlined in the Equality Act, 2010, you should have a driving licence valid for use in the UK and access to a vehicle with appropriate insurance before March in your first year of study.

Prepare for your future career

As a professionally qualified social worker, you might work in a range of health and social care settings. The course will also provide you with knowledge, skills and experiences that are transferable to many careers outside of social work.

Companies and organisations our graduates have gone on to work for include:

- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Bristol City Council
- First Steps
- Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
- Slough Children's Services Trust

### Careers and professional development

### Course accreditation(s)

This course is approved by Social Work England (SWE) for the purpose of providing eligibility to apply for registration with SWE as a social worker in England.

## Course Assessment Regulations

### Applicable Assessment Regulations

Undergraduate assessment regulations - <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/>

### Exemptions from Regulations

This course is exempt from an aspect of the Undergraduate Assessment Regulations (UGAR). For further information on this exemption please see <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/>

### Weighting of each Study Year

Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Final Stage: 68%

### Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?

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## Course Structure

### Year 1

<b>Period of study</b>	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Module title</b>	<b>Module status</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Option choice rules</b>
AY	SP00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
AY	SP12002	The making of modern society	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
AY	SP12003	Social problems, social change and the state	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
AY	SP12016	Psychology for social work	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S1	SP12014	Community social work	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	
S1	SP12015	Introduction to social work	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S2	SP12017	Readiness for direct practice	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
S2	SP12018	Research for social work	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	

## Year 2

<b>Period of study</b>	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Module title</b>	<b>Module status</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Option choice rules</b>
S1	SP22029	Applied social work practice 1: practice evidence	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	
S1	SP22030	Applied social work practice 2: anti-discriminatory practice plan	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	
S1	SP22031	Applied social work practice 3: discrimination and empowerment	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S1	SP22032	Applied social work practice 4: critical reflection	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	SP22033	Mental health social work 1	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	SP22034	Social work with adults 1	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	
S2	SP22035	Social work with children and families 1	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	SP22036	Theories and methods 1	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	

### Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
S1	SP32049	Social work with adults 2	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	10	
S1	SP32050	Social work with children and families 2	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	10	
S1	SP32051	Theories and methods 2	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	5	
S1	SP32052	Mental health social work 2	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	5	
S2	SP32045	Qualifying practice 1: practice evidence	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	5	
S2	SP32046	Qualifying practice 2: critical analysis of organisation	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	5	
S2	SP32047	Qualifying practice 3: ethics and values	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	5	
S2	SP32048	Qualifying practice 4: critical reflection	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	15	

## Learning Outcomes

**By the end of the course, you will be able to**

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Explain the core theories and methods that underpin the social work profession and apply these in practice.	✓	✓			
Apply social work theories that promote social justice to challenge stigma, discrimination and oppression and to empower service users and carers and promote	✓	✓			

equality.			
Apply theories of critical reflection to develop analytical assessments, plans and interventions with service users and carers.	✓	✓	✓
Recall and apply the legal and policy frameworks that inform and regulate social work practice.	✓	✓	
Critically analyse research evidence and be able to apply empirical knowledge in your practice.	✓	✓	✓
Locate social care services in their contemporary and historical contexts and recognise the complex relationship between statutory, voluntary and private sectors within which they reside.	✓	✓	
Use judgement, knowledge and authority to intervene with individuals, families and communities to promote independence, provide support, prevent harm and enable progress.	✓	✓	✓
Use the key social work interpersonal skills of communication, relationship building and problem solving in a context of the professional task of promoting and protecting individual and collective well-being.		✓	✓
Work in partnership with a range of professionals in multi-disciplinary settings and also with service users and carers.	✓	✓	✓
Develop and present critical arguments both verbally and in writing. This will include maintaining accurate, appropriate and accessible written records and using technology to assist with this.		✓	✓
Practise professional		✓	✓

commitment to social work and take responsibility for conduct, practice, self-care and continuing professional development.

Undertake ethical decision making and be accountable to people using social services, the public, employers and the regulator.

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### Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

#### **Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards**

UHSP-AFB34 BSc(Hons) Applied Social Studies is the designated alternative course (DAC).

Transfer to DAC possible from year 2.

Students may choose to transfer course in any year if the DofS permits the course change.

Exit awards:

UHSP-AFB34 BSc(Hons) Applied Social Studies. Overall course average: weighted stage 1 0%, stage 2 32%, final stage 68%

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Certificate of Higher Education