



## Graduate Outcomes 2018/19 and 2019/20

Full-time UK domiciled first degree graduates - 15 months after Bath

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, featuring in the top ten for graduate prospects in three major national league tables\*. Across all subjects, 93% of Bath 2019/20 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 73% nationally. Hundreds of employers of all sizes and from all industries each year advertise vacancies, deliver presentations or network with our students; we are in the top 20 universities targeted by employers#.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey for 2018/19 and 2019/20 leavers combined. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Social Work and Applied Social Studies combines theory with practical learning through professional placements. Students develop a sound theoretical knowledge of social sciences as well as developing social work specific knowledge, values and skills. Graduates from this course can apply to register as social workers and begin their career within the sector. But the skills they gain such as problem-solving, conflict management, communication and time management make them attractive to employers in other settings too.

### Courses included:

- Social Work and Applied Social Studies BSc

Response rate	
Total in 2018/19 and 2019/20 cohorts	55 <sup>§</sup>
<b>% response rate</b>	<b>68%</b>

<sup>§</sup>Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

### Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	77%
Voluntary / unpaid work	-
Employment and further study	8%
Further study	-
Other: travel, caring, retired	5%
Unemployed <sup>§</sup>	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Activity defined using HESA XACTIVITY: takes account of all activities and most important activity.

<sup>§</sup>Unemployed includes those due to start work or study.

\*5th in the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023, 6th in the Complete University Guide 2023, and 5th in the Guardian University Guide 2023

#The Graduate Market in 2023, High Fliers Research.

## Industries and employers

Most graduates from the Social Work and Applied Social Studies course go on to work in the social work sector. They mostly enter the public sector in local government, although some also work for the NHS, charities and in the private care sector.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Public administration and defence
- Human health and social work activities

Examples of employers for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 cohorts:

- BANES Recovery Team
- Camden Council
- Doncaster Children's Service Trust
- NHS
- Shelter
- Virgin Care

## Occupations and job titles

Social Work graduates mostly go on to work as social workers. They work in different areas of social work, for example mental health, adoption and children's social worker. Some go onto related professions such as working in housing or drugs and alcohol recovery.

The vast majority of our UK employed Social Work and Applied Social Studies graduates are in high skilled employment.

High skilled employment includes these three categories:

- Managers, directors and senior officials
- Professional occupations
- Associate professional and technical occupations

Examples of job titles for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 cohorts:

- Adoption Social Worker
- Housing First Navigator
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Psychosocial Social Worker
- Social Worker

## More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: [go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes](https://go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes).

More information is available about how the Careers Service supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: [bath.ac.uk/careers](https://bath.ac.uk/careers).