



Graduate Outcomes 2017/18 and 2018/19

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

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, and often features near the top in league tables. Across all subjects, 89% of Bath 2018/19 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 72% 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 15 universities targeted by employers*.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes surveys for 2017/18 and 2018/19 leavers. 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 (Hons)

Response rate	
Total in 2017/18 and 2018/19 cohort	60 [#]
% response rate	66%

[#]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	71%
Voluntary / unpaid work	-
Employment & further study	13%
Further study	-
Other: travel, caring, retired	11%
Unemployed [§]	5%
Total	100%

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

[§]Unemployed includes those due to start work or study

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:

- Human health and social work activities

- Public administration and defence

Examples of employers for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 cohorts:

- Essex County Council
- Barnardo's
- NHS
- Shelter
- Virgin Care
- Wiltshire Council

Occupations and job titles

Social work students 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 2017/18 and 2018/19 cohorts:

- Adoption Social Worker
- Complaints Investigator
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Recovery Practitioner
- Social Worker

More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: 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