

BA (Hons) Social Work



About this programme

Our Social work degree was rated top three in the UK in the latest Independent University guide.

In 2015 100% were in professional, managerial jobs after six months, more than 87% of students were satisfied with the course. 87% found the teaching intellectually stimulating and 90% thought staff are good at explaining things. More than 90% of students thought staff made the subject more interesting

What are the benefits of studying this programme?

Career opportunities in Social work are excellent. Social workers help people to live more successfully within their local communities by helping them to find solutions to their problems.

As a social worker you can work in a range of different settings – in the private, voluntary or statutory sectors. You can also work with a number of different service users – children and families, young people, people with a disability, people with mental health issues or older people.

What will you study?

The programme is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to work as a social worker. On completion of the programme you will be able to work in a variety of social work environments.

The BA(Hons) Social Work will develop the reflective and analytical skills needed to become a competent social worker.

In your first and second years you will consider Psychological, Sociological and Social Policy Perspectives on social work practice and also learn about the legal basis of social work. You will demonstrate your competence in IT.

You will examine the impact of Disability and Mental Health on Social Service Users. In these two years you will

complete two social work placements. In your third year you will study both child and family & adult social work and undertake a Final year project.

You will complete your course by doing a final placement in a social work setting. (See over for guide to modules.)

Outstanding placements

Our placements are in a range of cities in West Yorkshire. We work with differing service areas: for instance homelessness, drugs and alcohol and mental health. Service user groups include children, users of mental health services, adults with learning difficulties and older adults.

We have very good working relationships with our partner agencies across a range of sectors. Feedback from our students highlights the positive and varied learning experiences within placements.

Our students

Our students have set up a Social Work Society and continue to be involved in campaigns for social justice. A group of 10 students are going abroad to learn about other communities, and health and social care needs of communities in Ghana, Thailand and Africa.

We also have students working with overseas projects based in orphanages, working with street children, homeless feeding programmes and teaching English.

120 credits at level 1 Year 1	120 credits at level 2 Year 2	120 credits at level 3 Year 3
Learning Together; Working Together Human Growth, Behaviour and Development Disability, Inclusion & the Life Course Professional Practice 1 Sociology, Social Policy and Legal Perspectives in Social Work	Research for Healthcare and Social Work Professionals Decision Making in Practice Social Work Perspectives in Drugs and Alcohol Social Work Perspectives in Mental Health Social Work Law Professional Practice 2	Final Year Project -Research Dissertation Working with Children and Families Working with Adults in Social Care Professional Practice 3

Entry qualifications

GCSEs: 5 GCSE's at grade C or above to include maths, English and science

A Levels (A2): ABB from any subject except General Studies and Critical Thinking.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (QCF): Distinction/Distinction/Distinction

Access to Higher Education: 45 level 3 credits at passed at Distinction. Applicants should also have 5 GCSE's at grade C or above to include maths, English and science.

Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Programme (CFGO): Successful completion of the year with an overall score of at least 65%

Irish Leaving Certificate: ABBBBB including English and maths.

Scottish Advanced Highers: ABB in any subject. We consider all subjects for the remaining grades

International Baccalaureate: Overall score 34 points including 3 Higher Level subjects at minimum of Grade 5.

English requirements for candidates for whom English is not their first language:

IELTS: 7.0 overall with no less than 6.5 in any element

ibtOEFL: 100 overall with no less than 22 in Listening, 22 in Reading, 23 in Writing and 24 in Speaking.

Evidence of study in the last 5 years.

Fees and bursaries

There are **no upfront fees** for this course and a loan is available to cover your tuition costs of £9,000, repayable once you earn a salary of £21,000.

Social Work Bursaries

Since 2013 the numbers of Social Work bursaries at each university have been capped nationally for each individual social work programme. Bursaries are not available for year one of BA programmes.

We currently have 30 bursaries for the BA Social Work at University of Leeds for students in years two and three. The Social Work bursary will be recommended for students on the basis of academic performance at the exam board in July at the end of the first academic year. This ranking will be sent to NHS Bursaries. The final decision on eligibility for bursaries remains with [NHS Bursaries](#).

In addition, the current position is that all students must apply for a bursary in order to be eligible for a contribution towards their travel expenses while on placement in years 2 and 3. It is a condition of continuing on the programme that all students apply for a bursary as the placement funding is dependent on this. The bursary system is currently under review. Please consult the bursary website for the up to date position ([NHS Bursaries](#)).

How to apply

This course is sometimes oversubscribed, we advise early applications. Please apply for the course at www.UCAS.com. The UCAS deadline is 15 January.

For applications details, contact the Admissions unit, Tel: 0113 343 1247. admissions@healthcare.leeds.ac.uk School of Healthcare, University of Leeds, LS2 9JT.

Programme Enquiries

To find out more on BA (Hons) Social Work programme please contact: Ros Day (Admissions Tutor) at the School of Healthcare, Tel: (0113) 343 9427. Email: r.s.n.day@leeds.ac.uk

Useful web links

School of Healthcare:
<http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/soh>

NHS Careers:
www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

Social Work and finance information
www.ppa.org.uk/swb