

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BSc (Hons) Social Work
2	BCU Course Code	US0893
3	Awarding Institution	Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)	
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)	Health and Care Professions Council

6	Course Description
	<p>As one of the largest providers of social workers in the UK, our BSc (Hons) Social Work degree is approved by the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) and is well known for producing excellent practitioners capable of operating in local authority, voluntary or private settings.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Our specially-designed degree will give you the skills and knowledge needed to make a difference to people's lives as a professional and registered social worker.</p> <p>You will learn about the social work profession and the needs of the people social workers support. We link theory and practice through a combination of academic learning and on the job placement opportunities.</p> <p>You will gain a first-hand insight into a wide range of issues that you will face in social work practice, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The care needs of vulnerable people • Safeguarding children and adults • The impact of poverty • Domestic violence • Substance misuse • Mental health issues <p>Through expert teaching and quality placements, you will develop a sophisticated understanding of different service user groups and the skills needed to safeguard the well-being of vulnerable people.</p> <p>This social work degree course is among the most innovative of its kind, placing you where you will benefit the most - among the people and communities you will go on to support.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Social Work	6	360
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Studies in Social Care	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Studies in Social Care	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Studies in Social Care	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Studies in Social Care	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module 2. Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted 3. Condonement of failed modules is not permitted 4. Students must pass the 360 credits plus the zero-credit rated placement modules in order to be eligible for the award of 'BSc (Hons) Social Work'

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City South	3 years
	Foundation	City South	4 years
			Code
			US0893
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10	Entry Requirements
	<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	By the end of your course you will:
1	Be a reflective, critical, evaluative and evidence-based practitioner.
2	Conduct yourself in a manner that is consistent with the values of the profession.
3	Demonstrate transferable skills that underpin your practice in a variety of settings.
4	Be able to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team and adopt a partnership approach.
5	Be able to meet the HCPC Standards of Proficiency and apply for registration with the HCPC as a Social Worker.
6	Be able to apply effective time management and organisational skills.
7	Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development and career planning.
8	Be competent in evidence-informed practice and demonstrate a global research perspective.

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12b Structure Diagram
Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Introduction to Social Work Practice (20 credits) Equality, Diversity and Anti-Discriminatory Practice (20 credits) Human Growth and the Life Course (20 credits)	Core Foundation Law and Social Policy (20 credits) Core Skills for Practice (40 credits)

Level 5

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Law and Safeguarding 1 (40 credits) Theories and Methods for Social Work Practice (40 credits)	Core First Placement (0 credits)
Introduction to Research (40 credits)	

Level 6

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Law and Safeguarding 2 (40 credits)	Core Critical and Reflective Practice (40 credits)
Research Knowledge for Practice (40 credits) Last Placement (0 credits)	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

24% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	21
Private Study	891
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	60
Exam	20
In-Person	20

Level 5

Workload

16% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	232
Directed Learning	490
Private Study	478
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	75
Exam	0
In-Person	25

Level 6**Workload****13% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	120
Directed Learning	700
Private Study	380
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	75
Exam	0
In-Person	25