

## Course Information Form

This Course Information Form provides the definitive record of the designated course

### Section A: General Course Information

<b>Course Title</b>	MSc Social Work
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<b>Final Award</b>	
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**External Reference  
Points as applicable  
including Subject  
Benchmark**

- QAA Benchmark statement for Social Work (2016)
- QAA Master s Degree Characteristics (2015)
- QAA Quality Code (2013) Part A1 The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
- QAA Quality Code (2011) Chapter B10 Managing Higher Education provision with others
- The British Association of Social Workers (2018) Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF)
- Social Work England (2020) Education and training standards
- Social Work England (2020) Professional standards
- Department of Health Knowledge (2015) Skills Statement for Social Workers in Adult Services

**Professional, Statutory  
or Regulatory Body  
(PSRB) accreditation or  
endorsement**

- Social Work England (2020) Education and training standards Social Work England (2020) Professional standards
- Department of Health Knowledge (2015) Skills Statement for Social Workers in Adult Services

**HECoS code(s)**

100503

**UCAS Course Code**

L508

**Course Aims**

The MSc social work provides students with the opportunity to gain a professional qualification in social work at masters level. This is a generic social work qualification that equips students with the skills, ethical principles, deep knowledge, critical awareness and reflexivity needed to pursue a career in social work in any field. Successful students are eligible to apply to the

The framework for the MSc Social Work is guided by the SWE (2020) Professional Standards and the Professional Capabilities Framework (BASW, 2018). The course aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary for qualified social work practice in any practice field, including both statutory and private, voluntary or independent settings. In addition to the

**Enquiry:** You will engage critically with the social work knowledge base in order to develop deep and systematic understanding of current research-informed, theoretical and methodological approaches to practice. Drawing on this developing specialised knowledge, you will develop practical skills needed for critically-analytical, complex, diverse, unpredictable and ethical practice.

**Contextual understanding:** The MSc Social Work will allow you to develop a critical appreciation of the professional social work role, its ethical basis and its inter-connectedness with legal and policy frameworks and other professional disciplines. You will be provided with class and work-based learning that will enable you to understand, develop and adapt your skills, knowledge and values for varied practice contexts.

**Collaboration:** Class and work-based learning experiences will bring you into contact with fellow students, service users and carers, social workers, other professionals, researchers and academics who will support the development of your ability to undertake and manage the complex problem-solving required for social work practice. You will gain the opportunity to work collaboratively and creatively with others in groups and teams.

**Enterprise:** The MSc Social Work will provide you with the tools and opportunities for the development of skills in managing

Upon successful completion of your course you should meet the appropriate learning outcomes for your award shown in the table below

**Course Learning Outcomes**

	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Award</b>
1	Demonstrate deep, systematic and critical understanding of the applied social sciences, including sociology, social policy, law and ethics, and apply these critically to social work practice (BASW, 2018, PCF Domains 2,4, 5, 7 and 8).	MSc Social Work
2	Identify, consider and evaluate a range of different theoretical perspectives on working with people, applying them to multiple contexts and selecting appropriate approaches for the context and acknowledging individual differences in working with diverse service user groups (BASW, 2018, PCF Domains PCF 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)	MSc Social Work
3	Evidence critical awareness of and response to current social issues and confidence in adopting practice approaches required to address social inequality (BASW, 2018, PCF Domains PCF 3, 4,5, 7 and 8)	MSc Social Work
4	Be creative and original in the appreciation, application and generation of knowledge, demonstrating critical understanding of discourses and methodologies underpinning research-informed social work practice (BASW, 2018, PCF Domains PCF 1,4,5,6, and 7)	MSc Social Work
5	Critically and systematically evaluate their own and others practice and academic research, drawing on skills of reflexivity to generate new insights and demonstrate the ability to apply their learning in unfamiliar contexts (BASW, 2018, PCF Domains PCF 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9).	MSc Social Work





















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ASS082-6	7	SEM 1-2	Core	PR-OR	25						
ASS110-6	7	SEM 2	Core	PR-OR	7	CW-ESS	12				

### Glossary of Terms for Assessment Type Codes

CW-EPO	Coursework - e-Portfolio
CW-ESS	Coursework - Essay
EX-CB	Computer-based Invigilated Examination
PJ-PRO	Coursework - Project Report
PR-OR	Practical - Oral Presentation
WR-I	Coursework - Individual Report

### Administrative Information

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 School School of Society Community and Health  
 Head of School/Department