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## About your course

### Courses covered

Code	Title
HHMSW	MSc Social Work

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

### Important points

- This programme meets the Social Work England (SWE) requirements for student social workers, who upon successful completion will be eligible to enter the SWE professional register.
- Students will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and Occupational Health (OH) screening. In addition, students must disclose whether they have been subject to any workplace disciplinary proceedings and whether they have been placed on registers held by local authorities. Students must disclose whether they have previously studied on other Social Work qualifying degree programmes.
- Students must comply with the 'Principles of Professional Behaviour' expected of students, detailed in the University's Fitness to Practise Policy, in order to demonstrate that they are fit to practise. Failure to do so may result in referral to the University's Fitness to Practise processes.
- Students must behave in accordance with the University's student code of conduct.
- The University's Fitness to Practise Policy and Regulation (UPR SA15) can be accessed via the [Index to the UPR series](#). The current version of the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure is available at this link [HSK DBS Procedure](#). Students should read them carefully before accepting their offer and contact us if they have any questions about anything in them.
- All modules are mandatory on this programme and students must pass all modules in each year to progress to the next.
- Students are required to undertake 30 days skills development as part of their qualifying curriculum. Students will not be allowed to progress to graduation without completing all 30 days in full.

- Students are required to undertake 170 days of practice learning and pass them to progress. 70 days in Year 1 and 100 days in Year 2. Placements are mandatory and students must cover costs of travel to placement with possible travel times to placement of up to 1.5 hours. Students are expected to follow the normal working hours of their placement agency while on placement.
- Travel to placement of up to 1.5 hours each way may be required.
- Several Programme regulations relate specifically to placement learning
  - In securing practice learning experiences, students will be offered three interview opportunities. Students who fail to obtain a placement opportunity for either the 70 or 100-day practice learning experiences will normally be withdrawn from the programme
  - Students who fail a placement on two occasions will not normally be offered the opportunity to reenroll on the module
  - Students are not permitted to refuse placements. If a student does so, then they may not be allowed to progress on the programme.
  - Students should not unilaterally terminate a placement without first convening an extraordinary meeting. Student who leave placement without discussion or against the University's advice will normally be deemed to have failed the placement
- Students should note that they are not permitted to find their own placements; nor are they permitted to turn down placements that are offered. They should also note that many placements, especially those offered during the final year of study, may require students to be able to drive and have access to their own vehicle. In the event that students are unable to drive or without access to a vehicle, this may lead to placement opportunities being restricted and could result in a delayed start to their placements.
- There are no half term periods during the programme; students may be attending University at any time between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and they need to make childcare and other care arrangements accordingly.
- Students should undertake financial planning such that they do not plan to rely on paid employment during the academic year. Bursaries for social work study are limited in number. They should therefore undertake financial planning on the assumption that they will **not** receive a bursary during their programme of study.

## Academic Year

### *Academic Year 2021 – 2022*

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B, additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

The social work programme runs across all three semesters and students must be available for placement during Semester C

## Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Placement travel expenses	All	Mandatory	Dependent on location of placement, costs for travel normally average between £100-£500 per placement
<b>Books</b> Postgraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Many texts are available in the Learning Resources Centre as either eBooks or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies.	All	Mandatory	Estimated cost £50-70 per text