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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HSSW	BSc (Hons) Social Work (Revised 2024)	L500

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

Important points

- This programme meets Social Work England requirements for student social workers who, upon graduation, will be eligible to enter the Social Work England professional register.
- Students will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and Occupational Health (OH) screening. In addition, students will be asked to disclose whether they have been subject to any workplace disciplinary proceedings and whether they have been placed on registers held by local authorities. Students will also be asked to disclose whether they have previously studied on other Social Work qualifying degree programmes.
- You must comply with the 'Principles of Professional Behaviour' expected of students detailed in the University's Fitness to Practice Policy, to demonstrate that you are fit to practice; failure to do so may result in referral to University Fitness to Practice processes. You are also expected to maintain SWE professional standards during placement and in the classroom.
- The University's Fitness to Practice 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. You will be expected to complete a yearly declaration to inform whether or not there have been any changes to your DBS status.
- All modules are mandatory on this programme and students are expected to 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 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 2 and 100 days in Year 3. Placements are mandatory and students are expected to cover costs of travel to placement with possible travel times to placement of up to two hours. Students are expected to follow the normal working hours of their placement agency while on placement.
- Travel to placement of up to 2 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 be withdrawn from the programme
 - Students who fail a placement on two occasions will not normally be offered the opportunity to re-enroll 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. If 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.
- Business insurance is required whilst on placement, irrespective of whether a service user is being transported by the student.
- Students are advised that they may be attending University at any time between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and that they need to make child care and other care arrangements accordingly.
- Students are advised to undertake financial planning such that they do not plan to rely on paid employment during the academic year. Students are also reminded that bursaries for social work study are not available in Year 1 and limited for Year 2 and Year 3. They should therefore undertake financial planning on the assumption that they will **not** receive a bursary during their programme of study.
- The University of Hertfordshire encourages students in health and social care to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2024 – 2025

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 23 September 2024 - Friday 17 January 2025
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2025 – Friday 9 May 2025

- Semester C runs from Monday 12 May 2025 – Friday 05 September 2025

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	24%	76%	0%
Year 2	15%	52%	33%
Year 3	7%	44%	49%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	0%	82%	18%
Year 2	0%	75%	25%
Year 3	0%	62%	38%

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Placement Travel Expenses This will be dependent on the location of placement.	All	Mandatory	£100-£500 per placement. Dependent on mode of travel
Books Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Many texts are available in the Learning Resources Centre either as eBooks or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies.	All	Optional	Estimated cost £20-£60 per text.