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WHY STUDY FOR AN MSc SOCIAL WORK STUDIES AT STIRLING?

Our MSc Social Work Studies provides you with an integrated academic and professional course which develops the intellectual and practical skills necessary for professional practice as a social worker.

We promote an understanding of social work which is informed by social justice and human rights, a profession that acknowledges the links between 'public issues' and 'private troubles' and seeks to address both. We value social work practice that has prevention at its heart and recognises the importance of collective approaches, actively engaging with and learning from users.

Our course is taught by qualified social workers including world leaders in their research field, and academics who maintain close connections with practice. You will experience inspirational contributions to teaching by people who have used social work services as well as from practicing social workers.

The course includes practice placements, where you'll be supported and assessed by Practice Educators who are qualified or undertaking their Practice Educator training.



For further information on the course content, visit: stir.ac.uk/1k4



IS SOCIAL WORK FOR ME?

Do you want a career that is stimulating, rewarding and makes a positive contribution to society? If so social work could be for you. The University of Stirling is ranked 2nd in the UK for Social Work (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019) and is led by our expert teaching staff.

During your studies you'll undertake two full-time supervised practice placements which give you the opportunity for classroom-based teaching to be applied in practice. We're fortunate to have strong connections with our partner agencies within a 60-mile radius of the University. They provide a range of placements across both statutory and voluntary social work services.

RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At the end of your studies, you'll qualify as a social worker who is knowledgeable, skilled, analytical and ethical in your approach to working with individuals, families, groups and communities.

Successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma or the MSc allows graduates to register as qualified social workers. The qualification will equip you to work in a variety of settings including local authority social work teams, prisons, hospitals, residential services and voluntary sector settings. The nature of the work is varied and there are opportunities to move between work settings throughout your career.



FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1

We're **ranked 2nd in Scotland and 2nd in the UK** for Social Work (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).

2

Good quality practice learning opportunities give students the chance to **undertake social work practice** in supervised learning environments.

3

Successful completion of the course will mean you're eligible to **register with Scottish Social Services Council** as a qualified social worker.

4

Course **developed in partnership with agencies**, who contribute to teaching on the course.

5

Bursaries available from the Scottish Social Services Council for Postgraduate Social Work students.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course enables you to achieve an integrated academic and professional qualification. It provides you with opportunities to develop the intellectual and interpersonal skills necessary for professional practice as a social worker.

The course is delivered through lectures incorporating small group discussion, student-led project work, and micro-skills teaching workshops.

The taught course consists of nine modules which include two periods of full-time supervised and assessed practice in social work settings. All students have a personal tutor throughout the course. The MSc dissertation involves undertaking empirical research exploring a social work related issue of your choice.

Your learning is greatly assisted by the contribution to teaching and practice learning of staff from local voluntary and statutory agencies. You'll also benefit from contributions by service users and carers and from the range of research and teaching interests within the Faculty of Social Sciences, in which Social Work is located.

Particular strengths and areas of interest include adult support and protection, child protection, children and families and alternative care, international and green social work, community engagement, child exploitation, risk and decision making, domestic violence, ethical and socially just practice, practice education, service user involvement.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2:1 preferred) in a relevant subject or equivalent is required.

Practical experience in a social care setting is essential. Registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is a requirement for starting and remaining on the course. Further information on how to apply will be provided to successful applicants who accept a place on the course. Enrolled students must also be a member of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme.





TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at:
[stir.ac.uk/1k4](https://www.stir.ac.uk/1k4)

Bursaries are available from the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) for Postgraduate Social Work students. Further information about this funding can be found on the SSSC website.

Other funding opportunities at the University of Stirling can be found on our scholarships finder. For details, please visit:
[stir.ac.uk/scholarships](https://www.stir.ac.uk/scholarships)

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language you must have one of the following qualifications as evidence of your English language skills:

- IELTS: 6.5 with 6.0 minimum in each skill
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): Grade C
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): Grade B
- Pearson Test of English (Academic): 60 with 56 in each component
- IBT TOEFL: 90 with no subtest less than 20

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-session English courses. For more information, visit: [stir.ac.uk/1b4](https://www.stir.ac.uk/1b4)

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