Welcome to The University of Northampton.

BA Social Work
We offer courses in the following subject areas:

- Social Work

- Other programmes
  - Social Care and Community Development Practice
  - Applied Health and Social Care Accelerated Degree (Subject to validation)
Meet the Team – More than tutors

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Lead for Service User Involvement
Learning & Teaching at Waterside.

➢ You will study in small interactive group sessions, enhanced by the latest developments in technology.

➢ Our Learning Hub, the heart of Waterside Campus combines resources, staff and learning spaces that would traditionally be separate.

➢ Waterside has been designed to give you a personalised learning experience, excellent opportunities to develop your academic experience and life skills.

* Valid for 2021/22 entry. For 2020/21 academic year, please refer to our website for the latest information: [https://www.northampton.ac.uk/about-us/situation-updates/](https://www.northampton.ac.uk/about-us/situation-updates/)
STUDY ANYWHERE

Every full-time undergraduate student starting their first year with us in 2020 will get their own laptop to keep as part of their fee – meaning you can study where and when you like.
NO EXTRA COST

All sports clubs and societies are free to join at Northampton and every essential course text book is available via the library, meaning you won’t have to purchase copies.
THE FUTURE NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

If you’ve not landed a job 12 months after graduating, but completed a Changemaker programme alongside your studies then we’ll find you a paid, six-month internship as part of our Northampton Employment Promise.
What is social work?

• What it’s not
  • Rescuing people
  • Doing things for people

• What it is
  • Empowering people
  • Helping people to help themselves

Values
  • Well-being
  • Social Justice
Social Work – then and now

- Birth of the profession – 1870’s to 1880’s
- Rise of Welfare in 1900’s
- Creation of the Welfare State 1945 to 1979
- Thatcherism and New Labour
- Changing social, political and economic times
- United Kingdom and national practices
Foundations of Social Work

- The social sciences
- Practice experience
- Lived experience of service users
- Research
- Policy and law
- Business and management
- International experience
Programme Module Examples.

- **Level 4** – Academic and Professional Skills, Social Policy and Law, Sociology and Psychology

- **Level 5** – Values-led Social Work, Social Work with Adults, 70-Day Practice Placement

- **Level 6** – 100-day Practice Placement, Dissertation, Managing the Professional Task (becoming a NQSW)
This programme will:

• Understand the role of social work in the UK
• Give you knowledge and skills
• Blend theory and practice to prepare you for practice
• Develop your resilience and curiosity
• Test your commitment to social work
Support for Students.

- Programme Lead and Module Lead
- All students have a Personal Tutor (PT)
- All students have Placement Visiting Tutors (PVT)
- University wide services – Needs Assessment Centre (specialist technology for students with disabilities)
- Learning Development
- Web based information – NILE & Library Services Journals/Research etc
Social work Placements

• Practical experience

• Local and surrounding area

• Local authority, voluntary, and private sector

• Working with adults and children

• Will involve some travel costs (placements may be up to 60 miles from the university, if driving will need business insurance)

• Driving licence and access to a car increases range of placements
Placements

- Total – 175 days
- First Year – 5 Day Shadow Placement
- Second Year – 70-day placement – January to April
- Third Year – 100-day placement – October to March
- Applying theory to practice
- Assessed against PCF
- Support from team
  - Practice educator
  - Placement visiting tutor
  - Other support
Entry requirements.

- Academic
  - Level 2 Maths and English
  - Level 3 – 112 UCAS Tariff Points

- Relevant Experience
  - What is experience?
  - What is relevant?

- Motivation
  - “Character”
Personal Statements

• What and how?
  • What should you put in your personal statement?
  • How should you write your personal statement?

• What impression do you want to create?

• What should you avoid?
The selection process.

Briefing

Written exercise

Group Activity

Individual interview (panel)
Postgraduate Study.

Boost your career prospects with our range of Postgraduate courses.

Courses

MA in Social Work
MA in Youth and Community Leadership (subject to validation)

Did you know:
- you may be eligible for a £10k postgraduate loan?
- we offer a 20% Alumni discount*?

Visit our website for our full course list, details on how to apply, upcoming events and more.

northampton.ac.uk/postgraduate

*Terms and Conditions apply.
Information

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