



Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (England)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available by going online to the Open University 'Essential Documents' website at www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents.

Short title

BA (Honours) Social Work (England)

Award letters

BA (Hons) Soc Work (Eng) (Open)

Entry requirements

- (i) You must be working in the social care environment and must be sponsored by your employer/agency (by which we mean that they must enter into an agreement to support your studies). You will need to provide a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced DBS with lists check against all parts of the registers (children and adults) dated within a year prior to you starting your studies.
- (ii) Maths GCSE grade C or above, or a certified equivalent
- (iii) English GCSE grade C or above, or a certified equivalent
- (iv) 96 UCAS points (A Level grades CCC) or certified equivalent
- (v) if English is not your first language, International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS) communicating and comprehension skills at Level 7
- (vi) Basic IT skills including word processing, internet browsing and use of email
- (vii) You will need to demonstrate suitability to train as a social worker through a formal selection process.

Maximum duration of study

8 years, unless exceptional permission is given by the Faculty Teaching Committee for the qualification. Any credit obtained from Open University study or transferred credit prior to registering for the qualification is not included in this time limit.

Credit requirement

360

Stage 1 (120 credits)

120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 2 (120 credits)

120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 3 (120 credits)

60 credits from the specified core option modules and 60 credits are from the specified compulsory module

Maximum transferred credit

120 credits at Stage 1

Maximum age of credit transfer

5 years unless exceptional permission is given by the Faculty Teaching Committee for the qualification. Any credit obtained from Open University study prior to registration must also be no more than 5 years old unless exceptional permission is given by the Faculty Teaching Committee for the qualification.

Unique study requirement

120 credits at Stage 3

Additional rules

The Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (England) permits progression outside the University requirements in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) to allow students to continue to study towards their degree if circumstances do not permit them to take part in a practice learning placement at a particular point in their studies.

The specific progression requirements for the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (England) are that students may progress to a non-practice module at the next stage of study if they have been awarded 60 credits at the previous stage, and have been granted permission by the Faculty Teaching Committee to do so because of circumstances preventing them from undertaking a practice-based module. This applies only to non-practice modules; progression from one practice-based module to the next is allowed only on completion of the previous stage.