



Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (Scotland)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available online via the Open University 'Student Policies and Regulations' website at <https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies>.

Withdrawal of qualification

Approval has been given for the Q50 qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2028.

Short title

BA (Honours) Social Work (Scotland)

Award letters

BA (Hons) SocWk (Scot) (Open)

Entry requirements

You must be working in the social care environment and either be sponsored by your employer/agency or be registered as a non-sponsored student. You must show that you can communicate clearly in spoken and written English, demonstrate that you have the appropriate personal and intellectual qualities to be a social worker, demonstrate suitability to train as a social worker through a formal selection process and register with the Scottish Social Services Council as a student social worker – this includes a Disclosure Scotland check.

The academic entry requirements for Q41 are qualifications in English and Mathematics at the level of Standard Grade Two.

The academic entry requirement for the graduate entry route Q50 is a degree awarded by a UK University or other recognised degree-awarding body.

Maximum duration of study

10 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

Q41: 480

Q50: 360

Q41: 480 credit route

Stage 1 (120 credits)

60 credits from the specified compulsory module and 60 credits from a further specified compulsory module or specified core option modules

Stage 2 (120 credits)

60 credits from the specified compulsory module, 30 credits from a further specified compulsory module and 30 credits from specified core option modules;

Or

60 credits from the specified compulsory module, and 60 credits from a further specified compulsory module

Stage 3 (120 credits)

120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 4 (120 credits)

60 credits from the specified compulsory module and 60 credits from a further specified compulsory module or specified core option module

Q50: 360 credit Graduate Entry route

Stage 2 (120 credits)

60 credits from the specified compulsory module, 30 credits from a further specified compulsory module and 30 credits from specified core option modules;

Or

60 credits from the specified compulsory module, and 60 credits from a further specified compulsory module

Stage 3 (120 credits)

120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 4 (120 credits)

60 credits from the specified compulsory module and 60 credits from a further specified compulsory module or specified core option module

Maximum transferred credit

Q41: 180. Credit transfer is not permitted against any of the modules at OU Stages 3 or 4.

Q50: 60. Credit transfer is not permitted against any of the modules at OU Stages 3 or 4.

Maximum age of credit transfer

10 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 10 years old unless exceptional permission is given by the Faculty Teaching Committee for the qualification.

Unique study requirement

Q41: 180 credits at Stages 3 and 4

Q50: 120 at OU Stage 4

Additional rules

The Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (Scotland) 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 (Scotland) 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.

If you began your study for Q41/Q50 prior to October 2014, or if at Stage 2 you have studied 60 credits from the specified compulsory module, 30 credits from a further specified compulsory module and 30 credits from specified core option modules, the following will apply:

- The classification of the degree will be determined by the 120 credits of OU second level credit studied at Stage 3, and the 120 credits of OU third level credit studied at Stage 4.

If you began your study for Q41/Q50 during or after October 2014, or if at Stage 2 you have studied 60 credits from the specified compulsory module, and 60 credits from a further specified compulsory module, the following will apply:

- The classification of the degree will be determined by the best grades achieved in 120 credits from the 180 credits of OU second level credit studied at Stage 2 and Stage 3, and the 120 credits of OU third level credit studied at Stage 4.