



## Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (Wales)

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](http://www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents).

### Short title

BA (Honours) Social Work (Wales)

### Award letters

BA (Hons) SocWk (Wales) (Open)

### Entry requirements

To register as a student you must:

- (i) live or work in Wales and be working in the social care environment. You must either be sponsored by your employer/agency or be registered as a non-sponsored student. If you are a non-sponsored student, you must have successfully completed of the Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care (Wales) (T04). Following selection you may then enter the degree at Stage 2.
- (ii) hold a qualification in Maths and Welsh or English (this must be equivalent to grade C at GCSE or above)
- (iii) show that you can communicate clearly in spoken and written English or Welsh
- (iv) demonstrate that you have the appropriate personal and intellectual qualities to be a social worker
- (v) demonstrate suitability to train as a social worker through a formal selection process.
- (vi) obtain an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) with barred lists (children and adults) check and a medical check

### 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 at OU Stage 1

### Stage 2 (120 credits)

120 credits from the specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 2

**Stage 3 (120 credits)**

60 credits from the specified core option modules at OU Stage 3 and 60 credits are from a specified compulsory module at OU Stage 3

**Maximum transferred credit**

120 credits at OU 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 OU Stage 3

**Additional rules**

The Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Work (Wales) permits progression outside of 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 (Wales) 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 only allowed on completion of the previous stage.