



Master of Arts in Social Work

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>.

Short title

MA Social Work

Award letters

MA Soc Wk (Open)

Entry requirements

England:

Applicants will be required to have an honours degree with a minimum 2:2 classification in any discipline together with a proven record of experience of engaging directly with Service Users in a professional setting. Candidate's experience will be considered individually on application but we would normally expect a minimum of one year's experience either paid or voluntary in a setting such as a local authority or a health or social care provider in the private, voluntary or independent sector. Applicants who do not meet the work experience requirement but hold a 2:1 classification in a cognate discipline will also be considered.

Details of important additional entry requirements are described in the entry requirements section of the Online Prospectus pages for the qualification.

Scotland:

Applicants must hold a degree in a relevant health/societal/psychology or other cognate discipline. Applicants will preferably also have a proven record of experience of engaging directly with Service Users in a professional setting. Candidate's experience will be considered individually on application but we would normally expect a minimum of one year's experience either paid or voluntary in a setting such as a local authority or a health or social care provider in the private, voluntary or independent sector.

You must also have the support of your employer.

Maximum duration of study

9 years

Credit requirement

180 credits obtained from three compulsory 60 credit modules.

Maximum transferred credit

120 credits against the first two 60-credit modules only, no credit is transferrable against the final professional practice module.

Maximum age of credit transfer

4 years

Unique study requirement

60 credits

Classification

Distinction: At least 90 credits at Distinction grade which must include 60 credits from the professional practice module

Merit: At least 90 module credits at Merit grade which must include 60 credits from the professional practice module

Additional rules

The classification scheme for this qualification was amended in July 2021.

Students who have been permitted to start the Advancing social work practice module before receiving the result of the Developing social work practice module will be de-registered if they do not meet the prerequisite requirements following completion of any resubmission offered. This is an exception to Academic Regulation D3.2 b).