

Health & Social Care BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: L510 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

This degree offers you the chance to explore a wide range of Health and Social Care issues and debates from a range of different perspectives. It enables you to explore the many factors that impact upon Health and Social Care with a particular focus on social issues and experiences. The degree is ideal for those with an interest in health and social care and a desire to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

Throughout the degree students consider a range of key questions such as: What factors influence health and wellbeing? How do we address inequalities in health and social care? How can we safeguard vulnerable and marginalised groups?

By studying this degree, you will develop a thorough understanding of health and social care policy, theory and practice. The degree has input from a wide range of frontline workers and you are able to develop the practical skills necessary for careers in Health and Social Care through work-based learning, work on case studies and projects within the local community. Taught by academics who are experts in their field, we aim to develop reflective, autonomous and responsible health and social care practitioners who are able to work with a range of service user groups.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2025/2026 are £9,535 for full-time undergraduate courses.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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Health and Social Care BA (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

You will spend half of your time studying Introduction to Health and Wellbeing.

This introduces you to a broad range of issues, debates and theoretical perspectives that underpin Health and Wellbeing. You will study:

- Approaches to Health and Wellbeing
- Equality and Diversity in Health and Wellbeing
- Key issues and debates in Health and Wellbeing

The other half of your time will be spent studying Introduction to Social Care. This will give you a broad grounding in both the context and practice of social care. You will study:

- Social Care across the life-course
- Social and Psychological approaches to Social Care
- Professional Skills, Values and Ethics in Social Care
- Human Rights and Violations.

Year Two

You will spend one half of your time studying Explorations in Health and Wellbeing

Your second year will build on what you have learned in first year applying your knowledge to ideas around Public Health, the promotion of Health and Wellbeing and researching Health and Wellbeing. You will study:

- Public Health and Health Promotion: Theory and Practice
- Researching Health and Wellbeing

You will spend the other half of your second year studying Explorations in Social Care. You will study:

- Policy and Context in Social Care
- Vulnerable Groups in Social Care Settings
- Models and Theories of Intervention
- Work-based Learning.

Year Three

You will spend half of your time studying Advanced Studies in Health and Wellbeing. You will study:

- Contemporary Issues in Global Health and Wellbeing
- Health and Wellbeing across the life-course
- Ethics in Health and Wellbeing

You will spend the other half of your time studying Advanced Studies in Social Care. You will study:

- Management and leadership in Social Care
- Contemporary Issues in Adult Social Care
- Working with Children and Young People
- Advanced Research Courses

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 20-25 students, and tutorials which typically have no more than 15 students. You also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week, and in your second year, you will undertake a work placement.

In your first year, there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours each week studying independently, as well as group study to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your degree, you will have a number of assessments including portfolios, essays, community projects, and written exams. In your second year, you complete a work-based learning placement and in your final year, you will complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice, with guidance from your supervisor.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.



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