

Social Care BA (Hons)

Combined Honours only (please see website for details)

Duration: 3 years | Full or part-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

There is a growing need for well-trained, multi-skilled graduates able to respond to the changing demands within the Social Care employment and research sectors. As such the Social Care team recognise the great benefit of collaborating with service users, health and social care employers and stakeholders in this sector.

Curriculum content will develop students' knowledge and understanding of Social Care through an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach. Students will be encouraged to develop a critical approach to a range of social care discourses.

The School has strong links with a range of individuals and organisations in the field who have expressed an on-going commitment to working with us. The Social Care team build on these long-standing working relationships at all levels of the programme to embed a research informed, evidence-based practice approach to teaching and learning.

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.

Along with your tuition fees, you also need to consider the cost of any core textbooks that you need. This will be approximately £150. 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

Should you wish to undertake an international fieldtrip, this would be self-funded.

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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Social Care BA (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

Social and Psychological approaches to Social Care

You will be introduced to both psychological and social approaches to social care. You will consider different psychological perspectives and how these can be applied to the everyday practice of social care and in particular their application in working with service users.

Professional Skills, Values and Ethics in Social Care

You will explore and reflect upon your own value-base, before moving on to consider the differences and tensions between personal and professional values. You will consider central value questions of Individuality and Identity, Rights, Choice, Privacy, Independence, Dignity, Respect, and Partnership.

Social Care across the life-course

You will consider social care through the key life-course stages, including, preconception, birth and prenatal care, childhood, adulthood and death.

Human Rights and Violations

You will study a broad range of topics related to the key internationally accepted rights and discuss realities of people that are the most vulnerable to human rights violations, including some ethnic minority groups.

Year Two

Policy and Context in Social Care

You will develop your understanding of the development of care and welfare. You will also examine the role of policy in shaping social care provision including the shift to person-centred care.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups in Social Care Settings

You will explore the risk of and experience of abuse or neglect across care contexts and you will consider the policies and practices that support this.

Models and Theories of Intervention

You will gain insight into a range of concepts, methods and approaches applied within social care.

Work-based Learning

This will equip you with a range of tools and techniques essential for professional practice, together with a wider knowledge base which will support their transition into a relevant work placement.

Year Three

Management and Leadership in Social Care

You will develop your understanding of the philosophy, principles and language of leadership within the social care work environment.

Contemporary Issues in Adult Social Care

You will consider the current state of adult social care across the UK.

Working with Children and Young People

You will analyse how childhood is conceptually constructed, you will examine the social and economic context of children's lives and the framing of the modern family.

Advanced Research Courses

Each research course is led by an individual member of staff and is based upon their area of research interest and expertise. You will select two of these to study on topics of interest to you.

COURSE STRUCTURE

In first year, students have three hours of lectures per week, two hours of seminars and an hour of small tutorial group working. There is also a 'fitness to practice' week in term two when students are assessed for suitability for social welfare work. In second year, students have two hours of lectures, two hours of seminars and a one hour tutorial each week. In term two, 50 of the taught hours are via work experience hours. In third year, students have two hours of formal lectures per week. In addition they undertake two research seminars (one in each term) which are two hours per week. Students also undertake a research project and are supported in this via one-to-one supervision sessions.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study, you will have a variety of assessments including essays, portfolios 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.

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In your second year, you complete a work based learning project, where you spend 50 hours getting work experience and then produce a reflective portfolio. This project enables you to gain vital practical skills and knowledge.



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