

Social Care BA (Hons)

Combined Honours only (please see website for details)

Duration: 3 years | Full or part-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

As Social Care evolves in the UK, fresh chances appear for open-minded, creative graduates. This course aims to develop graduates who understand the root causes of social inequalities that lead to care needs. We seek those who are driven to shape services sensitive to these needs.

Our curriculum pulls from various academic fields to keep it engaging and challenging. We also value the lived experiences of Social Care users, ensuring their voices are integrated throughout the course.

The School of Social Sciences connects well with local and national groups. These organizations support people with social care needs. This helps us stay updated on current issues in Social Care, making sure our curriculum stays relevant.

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 2026/2027 are £9,790 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 Care in Context

This module explores the historical and social context of welfare and how it has shaped ideas about the groups of people who currently use social care services.

Social Care in Practice

This module examines the range of ways to address social care needs at micro, meso, and macro levels. You will explore the social and political changes required to reduce inequality and the approaches used to support individual needs.

Year Two

The Policy and Legislative Context of Social Care

This module examines relevant policy and legislation designed to support and protect populations who use social care services.

Professional Practice in Social Care

This module helps you develop the characteristics and skills required for professional practice through up to 50 hours of placement experience in a social care setting.

Emancipatory Research

This module prepares you for your Year Three research project and develops your understanding of working with communities in empowering ways.

Year Three

Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care

This module examines a range of leadership and management theories relevant to health and social care services.

Contemporary Issues in Children's Social Care

This module explores the contemporary context of children's lives, including social and economic factors and the framing of the modern family.

Contemporary Issues in Adult Social Care

This module investigates key challenges facing adult social care, considering the impact of austerity and the increasing demand for services.

Dissertation / Research Report

Over the year, with the support of a supervisor, you will undertake your own research project in a selected area of study. Depending on your combined subjects, you may complete an integrated project spanning both areas, or two separate projects, one for Social Care and one for your other subject.

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.

COURSE STRUCTURE

In the first year, you will study two modules: Social Care in Context and Social Care in Practice. Each module includes lectures, seminars with interactive learning activities, and small tutorial groups with your personal tutor. At the end of Semester 2, there are two weeks of 'readiness to practice' preparation for your second-year placement.

In the second year, your learning continues through a combination of lectures, seminars, and tutorials each week. In Semester 2, up to 50 hours of study will be completed through work experience.

In the third year, you will complete an independent research project and be allocated a supervisor to meet with regularly throughout the year. In addition, you will continue with weekly lectures and seminars.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study on the social care course, you will complete a variety of assessments, including group projects, reading diaries, case studies, and reflective accounts. 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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