

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: MA SOCIAL WORK

INTRODUCTION

Course title	MA Social Work Postgraduate Diploma Social Work (Pre- registration course)
Course code	PP10000104
Exit awards (if these regulations are also applicable to the exit awards)	Master of Arts Social Welfare Postgraduate Diploma Social Welfare Postgraduate Certificate Social Welfare
Module titles and codes (if these regulations are applicable to certain modules only)	N/A
Date effective from	September 2023
Date effective to	September 2029

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 The requirements for admissions are those set out in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards with the exception that entrants are required to have one of the following:
 - a) A good honours degree, which is defined as a first class or second-class honours degree in a relevant subject discipline
 - b) A good honours degree defined as a first class or upper second-class honours degree (2.1), in an unrelated subject if they can demonstrate significant social work-related experience at an appropriate level, gained either in a paid, personal or voluntary capacity
 - c) A professional diploma, or equivalent, at an appropriate level in a relevant subject discipline together with a minimum of two years post qualification experience
 - d) Significant personal experience at an appropriate level, together with relevant qualifications.
- 2 All applicants are required to attend a selection day/event, participate in a values-based selection-based process and complete any assessments prescribed as part of the selection process aimed at assessing their potential to meet professional and academic standards to undertake social work education.
- 3 Selection activities include, assessing ability to communicate verbally, their value base, ability to work with others and openness to alternative points of view, a timed written test, assessing the ability to communicate in written English, and an individual interview to assess that they meet the Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF) entry level and progression to the Course Learning outcomes.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 4 The admissions process will assess the suitability of applicants including in relation to their conduct, health and character, including criminal conviction checks.
- 5 All entrants must satisfy the requirements concerning clearance in relation to criminal convictions and any other requirements specified by the University, taking account of the requirements of the regulatory bodies, in relation to the protection of vulnerable persons. Students on the course must remain in good standing in relation to such requirements, including, where required, registration for the updating of certificates by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 In addition to the entrance requirements specified in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards, the entry requirements are currently grade B, C, C, at A-Level or equivalent, and GCSE English Language minimum grade 4 or equivalent.
- 7 All applicants are to satisfy the University in relation to maths entry requirements following prescribed procedures at times of application.
- 8 Non-UK successful applicants must meet communicating and comprehension skills to International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS) at level 7.0.
- 9 All applicants must have the capability to use information and communication technology (ICT) methods and techniques to achieve course outcomes

CREDIT EXEMPTION

- 10 Entrants may gain exemption from modules if they have recognised prior learning in line with the policy of the University, subject to the limitations as set out below.
- 11 The requirements of the professional and regulatory bodies for credit exemption may lead to a restriction in the number of credits awarded for entry to the course.

ASSESSMENT

- 12 All theoretical assessments must be passed.
- 13 Assessment of Practice will be assessed on a pass/fail basis. Students must pass all aspects of practice eligible for a final award enabling an application to be made for professional registration.

PROGRESSION

- 14 A student may only progress from one academic year of the course to the next on successful completion of the required practice assessment.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND CONDUCT

- 15 For continued professional registration on the course the student's progress will be reviewed each academic year. Alleged breaches of professional conduct will be subject to the Low-level concerns and fitness to practise procedures for the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Social Care.
- 16 Students are required to make a formal declaration of good health and good character at the beginning of each academic year.

AWARDS

17 For the MA Social Work, students who pass all elements of the course without passing the dissertation will be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work, which leads to professional registration.

EXIT AWARDS NOT LEADING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

18 A student who passes the theoretical elements of all modules, but fails the assessment of practice, will be eligible for one of the following awards that does not lead to professional registration:

- a) Postgraduate Certificate Social Welfare
- b) Postgraduate Diploma Social Welfare
- c) Master of Arts Social Welfare

19 Aegrotat awards may be offered at the discretion of the Board of Examiners as outlined in the regulations; however such awards would not provide eligibility to apply for admission to the relevant professional register.

EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

20 At least one external examiner appointed to the course must be appropriately experienced and qualified in the relevant area of practice and, unless other arrangements are agreed with the appropriate regulatory body, be from the relevant part of the Register.

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