

SUMMARY

There are over **2,250** **COURSES** to choose from, in subject areas such as:

- economics
- politics
- sociology
- social policy
- social work
- anthropology
- human and social geography
- development studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Social work – In addition to academic requirements, universities require all applicants to have relevant work experience in a social work or a related care setting. Some course providers have specific requirements for this experience. Universities will also be looking for evidence that applicants are suited to a career in social work. The selection process is therefore likely to focus on your:

- interest and motivation to undertake the career
- interpersonal and communication skills
- ability to relate to people of all ages and backgrounds
- resilience to deal with challenging and emotionally difficult cases

TAUGHT

- **MA/MSc** – one year full-time, two years part-time.
- **MA/MSc social work** – two years full-time, three to four years part-time. Provides a route to become a professionally qualified social worker.

RESEARCH

- **MRes** – 18 months to three years full-time.
- **MSc** – one year full-time.
- **MPhil** – one to two years full-time
- **PhD** – three to four years full-time, seven to eight years part-time

For more information, go to www.ucas.com/postgraduate/what-to-study.

“ The master’s degree is usually two years long and so people on the course go on to their practice placements fairly soon into their course. It is therefore vital that people undertaking the course have a good understanding of what social work entails.’

(British Association of Social Workers)

WHO STUDIES SOCIAL STUDIES?

Total number of students – **48,565***



- UK students
- International students
- Part-time
- Full-time
- Age: up to 24
- Age: 25+

*Total number of students studying social studies for the 2013/14 academic year.

**Other includes postgraduate diplomas, certificates, and professional qualifications, Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), level 7 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector, higher education provider postgraduate credits, and non-formal postgraduate qualifications.

Social studies continued...

CAREER AREAS

Key areas of employment include:

- local and central government policy development and research
- health, social, and education support services
- finance and commerce
- voluntary and charitable organisations
- media, journalism, and public relations

Related careers:

- economist
- financial risk analyst
- human resource officer
- investment analyst
- market researcher
- police officer
- political researcher
- public relations officer
- social worker
- statistician

ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONAL BODIES

British Association of Social Workers
www.basw.co.uk

Royal Anthropological Institute
www.discoveranthropology.org.uk

Royal Economic Society
www.res.org.uk

PEOPLE WHO STUDIED SOCIAL STUDIES WENT ON TO WORK IN...* Total number of people – 6,045**

0.08% Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	0.17% Mining and quarrying	1.16% Manufacturing	0.25% Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply
0.08% Water supply, sewerage, waste management, and remediation activities	0.5% Construction	2.48% Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	0.58% Transport and storage
1.24% Accommodation and food service activities	2.73% Information and communication	3.23% Financial and insurance activities	1.32% Real estate activities
9.1% Professional, scientific, and technical activities	2.48% Administrative and support service activities	31.68% Public administration and defence, compulsory social security	16.05% Education
21.75% Human health and social work activities	1.24% Arts, entertainment, and recreation	2.32% Other service activities	0.17% Activities of households as employers
0.74% Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	0.58% Unknown		

*Source: HESA DLHE tables (2013/14)

**UK domiciled leavers who obtained postgraduate qualifications and were in employment for the academic year 2013/14.