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Social Policy and Social Work



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FOR SOCIAL
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WELCOME TO THE

Department of Social Policy and Social Work

Open your eyes to the political, economic, social and global issues that affect our lives, in a department leading the way in the fight for social reform.

Our work combines the theoretical study of social issues and how they affect society with a practical focus on developing the policy advisers, social workers and change makers of tomorrow. Learn from experienced social workers who bring their real-world experiences into the classroom, and researchers analysing some of today's biggest social issues including child welfare, health and social care, mental health, housing policy and crime.

Develop an understanding of disciplines across the social sciences and learn how governments and other organisations make decisions that affect our daily lives. After studying in our community of forward thinkers, you'll graduate ready to effect positive change.



WHAT OUR GRADUATES DO

Recent graduate employment examples include:

- social worker
- adoption family support worker
- community engagement and communications officer
- policy and strategy adviser
- fundraising officer
- compliance analyst

for a wide range of employers, such as:

- Civil Service
- local councils
- Ministry of Justice
- NHS
- NSPCC
- police forces

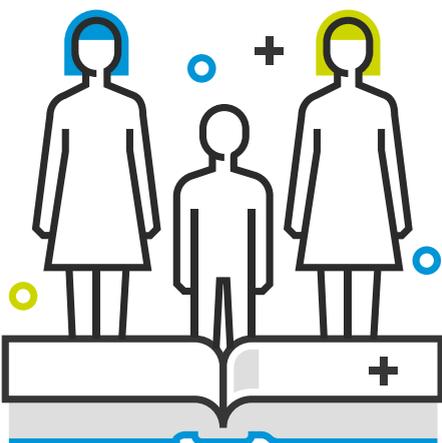
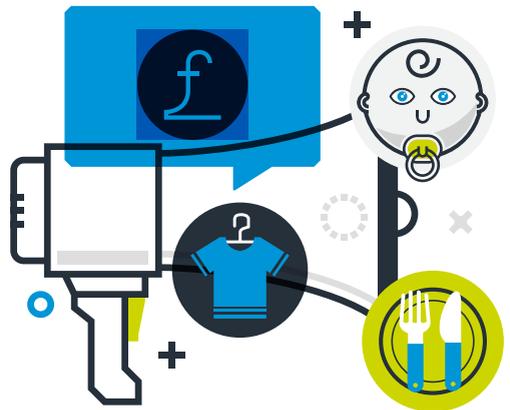
Research that packs a punch

Our researchers seek out today's most pressing issues and work hard to find solutions and improve our society. We collaborate with government bodies, local councils, organisations and charities to make sure our research reaches the people who can benefit from it most. We're proud to be a force for good, making a positive impact in people's lives.

Making voices heard

Professor Peter Dwyer has been leading a major project with researchers from across the UK, interviewing nearly 500 people to build a picture of the ways that recent welfare reform is changing the lives of people who depend on state support to survive. One woman told of how she was left without any income for more than four months because of sanctions imposed on her benefits.

This work offers unique insights into the experiences of those on the receiving end of welfare reforms, and gives voice to the people whose lives are directly affected by policy decisions.



In their own words

Alongside writing journal articles and books, our academics work with local organisations on projects that have instant impacts in the real world. Kate Brown teamed up with the charity Basis Yorkshire to tell the stories of young people who have experienced sexual abuse. They created an animation and a booklet, using the words of a group of young people who had been through some kind of sexual exploitation.

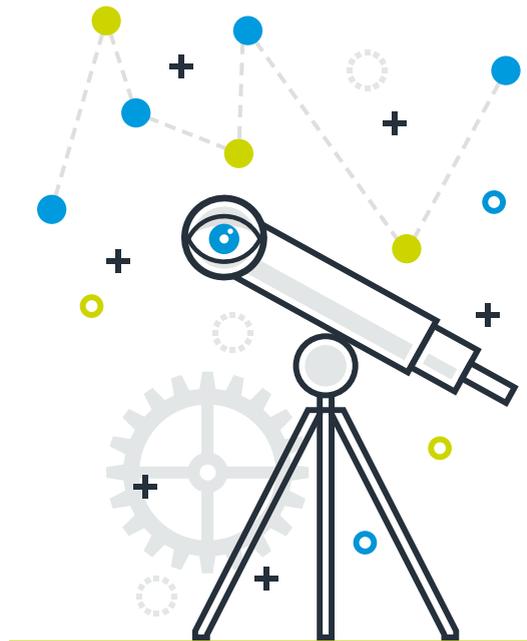
Their stories show us how it feels to experience this kind of abuse. They also help us to understand how other parts of these young people's lives, such as how society views them, affect how they react to their circumstances and how well they can eventually move on and succeed.

Looking to the future

Dr Kelly Devenney noticed that very few people were thinking about how to support unaccompanied young people seeking asylum with unsettled immigration status, and so set out to find out what would suit their needs best.

She asked a number of young people to imagine their past, present and future. Those who had settled immigration status could identify the support they had received in the past, and wanted to return that support in the future by succeeding in their education and career. In stark contrast, those whose immigration status was uncertain struggled to imagine their future or their past.

Her findings highlight the need to think hard about the support these young people need once they leave the care of their local authority, and the role that professionals, family and education can play in helping them to build a future.



**EQUAL FIRST IN THE
UK FOR THE IMPACT
OF OUR SOCIAL
POLICY AND SOCIAL
WORK RESEARCH**

(TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION'S RANKING OF THE
2014 RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK)

OUR COURSES

	Qualification	UCAS Code
Social Policy	BA (Hons)	L430
Social Policy, Crime and Criminal Justice	BA (Hons)	L433
Applied Social Science	BA (Hons)	L431
Social Work (4 year)	MSocW (Hons)	L507
Criminology	BA (Hons)	L611

Courses are three years unless stated otherwise.

Once you start your course, you can access opportunities to travel and study through the Centre for Global Programmes, or pursue a placement year as part of your degree: see page 16 (Not applicable to Social Work courses).

Social Policy BA (Hons)

On this course you'll receive an introduction to a range of social sciences and training in social research methods. You'll learn about the causes of social problems and how societies attempt to solve them. This degree is suited to you if you are interested in the welfare state, the impact of globalisation, social inequalities, the complexities of making successful policies, and what more can be done to solve social problems at home and abroad.

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Social Policy, Crime and Criminal Justice BA (Hons)

This degree is ideal if you're interested in how crime is defined and how governments can deal with it, as well as how policies on crime and criminal justice relate to other areas of social policy. You'll study the decisions society makes about crime and its victims, and delve into the politics of the criminal justice system.

A fundamental part of the degree is the work placement, offering you a chance to learn from professionals in crime prevention or criminal justice.

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Applied Social Science BA (Hons)

Combine a broad and balanced foundation in the social sciences with an exploration of social problems such as poverty, unemployment, crime, child abuse, pollution and environmental damage. You'll learn how to think critically about the complexity of the social world, and you'll be able to apply your social scientific knowledge to the analysis of real world social problems.

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Social Work MSocW (Hons)

We were one of the first UK departments to have Social Work in its name, and we're proud to have been educating social workers for more than 50 years.

Our integrated Masters course combines the study of social sciences with the opportunity to gain a professional qualification in social work. Through a carefully tailored programme of coursework and placements, you'll gain the knowledge and skills required to lead in the development of a rapidly changing and fast-paced profession.

Our integration of research, theory and practice means you will be a critically reflective social worker, able to make informed judgements based on sound analysis, often in unpredictable circumstances.

Service users and carers contribute directly to our teaching, giving you an unparalleled insight into the complexities of social work. You'll gain the ability to face complex and difficult human situations with confidence, creativity, compassion and integrity. You'll learn to work alongside people and to incorporate principles of social justice into your everyday practice.

You'll undertake three placements during your course. Building on what you learn in the classroom, these experiences will prepare you to work in a range of social work roles including those in grassroots community organisations and national charities. You'll also learn how to take on the full range of statutory social work practice including working in child protection and mental health services.

When you finish your studies, you'll be ready to begin a long and varied career in a profession which challenges social injustice and promotes social change.

york.ac.uk/ucas/L507

Criminology BA (Hons)

Develop new ways of thinking about the effects of crime, the impact it can have on individuals and societies, and how we respond to it. Learn to challenge your own opinions about the nature of crime, evaluate evidence, think critically and craft arguments. You'll be taught across the Department of Social Policy and Social Work and the Department of Sociology by academics whose expertise spans the social sciences.

york.ac.uk/ucas/L611

Social Policy BA (Hons)

Core modules are marked with a 

Year 1

- Introducing Social Policy
- Introducing Sociology and Psychology
- Politics and Economics for Social Policy
- Exploring Social Policy and Social Justice

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Year 2

- The Policy Process
- Comparative Social Policy
- Social Research Methods
- Citizenship, Difference and Inequality
- Understanding Childhood and Youth
- Debates in Criminal Justice
- Victimisation and Social Harm

2

Year 3

- Dissertation
- Criminal Justice and Policing
- Death and Policy
- Gender and Youth Cultures
- Gender, Citizenship and the Welfare State
- Housing Policy
- Illicit Drug Use
- Poverty and Inequality
- Prisons and Penal Policy
- Sustainable Development and Social Inclusion
- The Wellbeing of Children and Young People
- Understanding Families and Family Life
- Vulnerability, Deviance and Social Control
- Welfare States in Crisis
- Youth Justice
- Placement

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Social Policy, Crime and Criminal Justice BA (Hons)

Year 1

- Introducing Criminal Justice
- Introducing Social Policy
- Politics and Economics for Social Policy
- Crime and Society

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Year 2

- Debates in Criminal Justice
- Victimisation and Social Harm
- Social Research Methods
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- Comparative Social Policy
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Social Work MSocW (Hons)

Year 1

- Introducing Social Policy
- Introducing Sociology and Social Psychology
- Introduction to Social Work
- Exploring Social Policy and Social Justice

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Year 2

- Communities, Advocacy and Social Change
- Skills for Social Work
- Social Research Methods
- Placement I
30 days in a voluntary sector organisation

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Year 3

- Social Work Across the Lifecourse: Theory into Practice
- Law and Policy
- Communication Skills
- Preparation for Practice
- Placement II
70 day statutory social work placement

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Year 4

- Placement III
100 day statutory social work placement
- Dissertation and Research Skills
- Power, Participation and Practice
- Evidence into Practice (specialising in either children and families social work or adult social work)

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Criminology BA (Hons)

This course is run in collaboration with the Department of Sociology.

Year 1

- Introducing Social Policy
- Introducing Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Sociological Theory
- Sociology of Crime and Deviance

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Year 2

- Crime, Culture and Social Change
- Social Research Methods
- Debates in Criminal Justice
- Policy Process
- Contemporary Political Sociology
- Gender, Sexuality and Inequalities
- Sociology of Illness and Health
- Popular Culture, Media and Society
- Division and Inequalities: Race and Ethnicity, Class and Religion
- Citizenship, Difference and Inequality
- Science in Society
- Victimisation and Social Harm

2

Year 3

- Dissertation
- Theoretical Criminology
- Criminal Justice and Policing
- Philosophy of Criminal Law
- Illicit Drug Use
- Crime, Gender and Sexuality
- Vulnerability, Deviance and Social Control
- The Racial State
- Youth Justice
- Crime, Justice and the Sex Industry
- Prisons and Penal Policy

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WORK WITH ACADEMICS
WITH **HANDS-ON**
EXPERIENCE WORKING
IN REAL-WORLD SOCIAL
POLICY AND SOCIAL
WORK SETTINGS



WE OFFER YOU THE **OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT A
WORK PLACEMENT**, WHETHER IN THE UK OR ABROAD,
**ENABLING YOU TO APPLY THE THEORY YOU HAVE
LEARNED IN CLASS IN THE REAL WORLD**

We're delighted that you're considering studying at the University of York. Here are some of the ways we help bright and inquisitive minds like yours to reach their full potential.

At York you'll study and learn with inspiring academics who are dedicated to their subjects as active researchers and experts in their field. We're one of the world's premier institutions for inspirational and life-changing research, which feeds directly into the teaching you'll receive.

You'll have access to our outstanding facilities, libraries and online resources, and you'll enjoy the location of our thriving campus within walking distance of the impressive city centre.

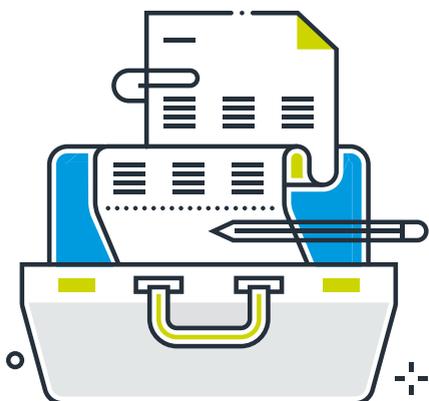
The York Approach to teaching and learning

Our academics carefully design our courses so that you get the most from your time working with teaching staff or studying on your own. You'll understand what you're aiming for and why at every stage of study. You'll also feel confident about applying the skills and knowledge you learn throughout your course to new situations, such as placements or jobs.

We'll give you a clear description of the aims of your chosen course and six to eight learning outcomes which are unique to the course, capturing its distinctive characteristics. You'll know what work you need to do and how it helps you to meet each outcome. These will tell you what you can expect to be able to do when you graduate and help you to explain what you can offer to employers.

Our approach will build your knowledge, develop your skills and propel you towards successful next steps.

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE OF OUR COURSES MEANS THAT YOU'LL SHARE MODULES WITH STUDENTS WITH ALL KINDS OF INTERESTS AND AMBITIONS



Placements and studying abroad

Placements are a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable work experience at a challenging level and will help to prepare you for graduate jobs. This is built in to many of our courses, and the University also offers a Placement Year scheme. york.ac.uk/placement-year

You can also apply for one of our international summer opportunities through the Centre for Global Programmes. A life-changing opportunity to study abroad will not only enrich your education, it will prepare you for a career in the global marketplace. york.ac.uk/globalyork





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When I visited York it just clicked. The course structure, variety of modules and emphasis on group work all appealed to me. I've enjoyed learning about legislation and guidelines that will govern our role as social workers.

Phil, MSocW Social Work

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YORK FUTURES AND CAREERS

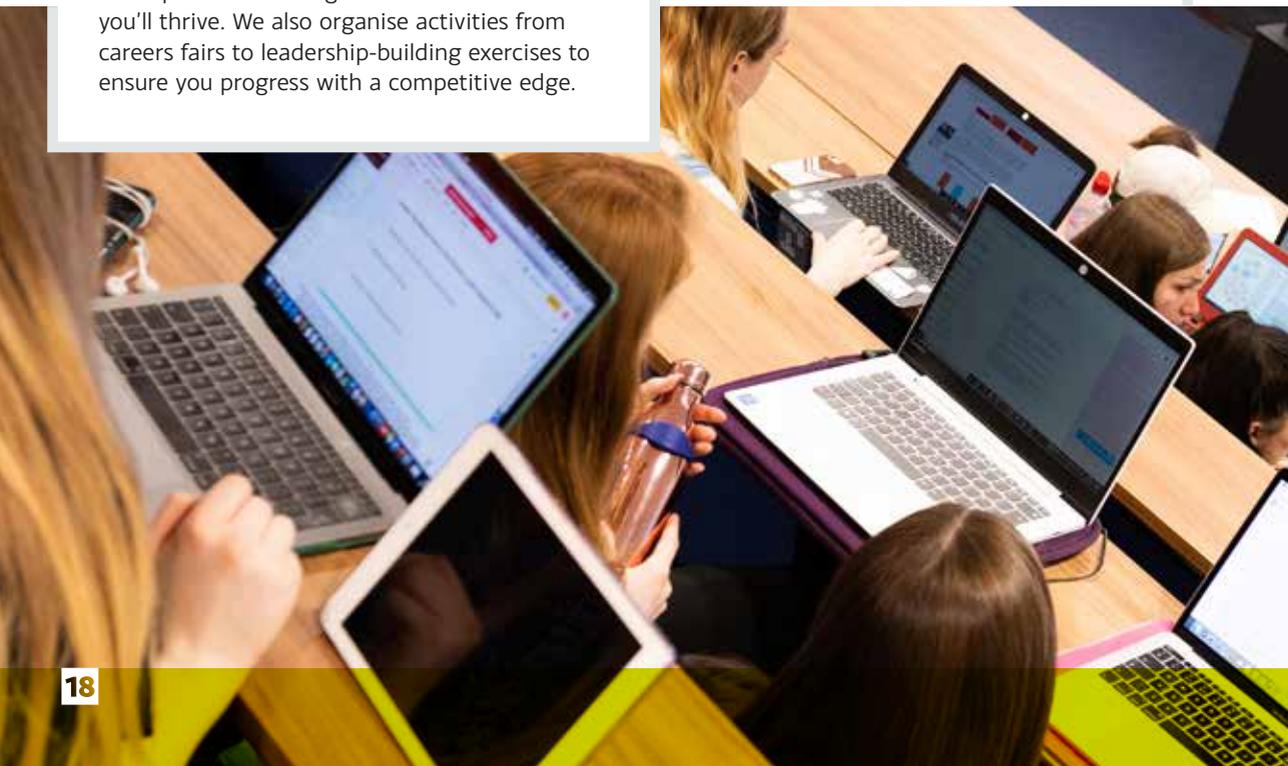
As you start to make decisions about the next stage of your education, it's a good idea to look a little further ahead and think about what you'll do when you graduate.

Our graduates are sought by leading employers in a vast range of disciplines. Many of our graduates progress to postgraduate degrees at York and other leading universities. However, the analytical and problem-solving skills you'll learn are relevant across most industries and will equip you to become a lifelong autonomous learner.

We're committed to supporting our students' career development. York Futures, our employability initiative, will enable you to build a portfolio of valuable experience and skills during your time at York that could help you secure that dream job. Starting in your first year, our unique York Strengths Programme will help you make sense of what you can offer to employers. We'll support you to identify your personal qualities, understand your options, and make plans for moving towards a career in which you'll thrive. We also organise activities from careers fairs to leadership-building exercises to ensure you progress with a competitive edge.

94.3% OF
YORK GRADUATES
WERE EMPLOYED
OR IN FURTHER
STUDY SIX
MONTHS AFTER
GRADUATION

DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS FROM
HIGHER EDUCATION SURVEY 2016/17
(HESA) (FULL-TIME UK STUDENTS)



NEXT STEPS

Feeling inspired?

The information here is just an overview of our Social Policy and Social Work courses at York, but you can find even more information and an up-to-date module list on our course pages:

york.ac.uk/spsw/undergraduate

Get to know us

While you're there, be sure to visit our study pages to discover more about studying at York and campus and city living:

york.ac.uk/undergraduate

TYPICAL OFFERS

2020/21 ENTRY

A LEVELS

BBB

AAB for L611, LL32 and LL2V

A reduced offer may be available where an EPQ is taken alongside three A levels or equivalent

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

31 points

35 points for L611, LL32 and LL2V

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

DDM

DDD for L611, LL32 and LL2V

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

For details of other acceptable qualifications go to york.ac.uk/ug-entry-requirements

MATURE STUDENTS

Applications are welcomed and are considered individually. Please contact the department to discuss further.

ESSENTIAL SUBJECTS

For L507 all applicants must have GCSE grade C/4 or above in Maths and English or a recognised equivalent

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

For L507 IELTS 7.0 with at least 6.5 in all units

All other courses IELTS 6.5 with at least 5.5 in all units



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