

**DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	<b>BA (Hons) Social Work</b>
Awarding Bodies	<b>University of Suffolk</b>
Level of Award <sup>1</sup>	<b>FHEQ Level 6</b>
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	<b>Social Work England</b>
Credit Structure <sup>2</sup>	<b>360 Credits</b> <b>Level 4: 120 Credits</b> <b>Level 5: 120 Credits</b> <b>Level 6: 120 Credits</b>
Mode of Attendance	<b>Full-time and part-time</b>
Standard Length of Course <sup>3</sup>	<b>3 years full-time</b>
Intended Award	<b>BA (Hons) Social Work</b>
Named Exit Awards	Certificate of Higher Education Social Studies (120 credits) Diploma of Higher Education Social Studies (240 credits) BA Social Studies (300 credits)

Entry Requirements<sup>4</sup> **Typical Offer:** 112UCAS tariff points (or above), BBC (A-Level), DMM (112) (BTEC), including A-Level (or equivalent) subjects in

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The BA (Hons) Social Work Course is designed to prepare students for the constantly changing and challenging environment of social work and social care practice. Underpinned by a strong commitment to social justice, the programme combines a clear academic focus on the theoretical underpinnings of social work with careful attention to practice skills, knowledge, values and personal and professional development. Relevant knowledge and theory for practice includes psychological and sociological theories applied to a range of practice contexts, approaches to research and evidence informed practice, knowledge and understanding of law and policy. Employers in statutory and private, voluntary and independent sectors provide practice-learning opportunities for levels 5 and 6. In addition, skills development is supported through practice workshops with people with lived experience (service participants) and practitioners, focusing on, for example, communication, direct and specialist work, and inter-professional practice. Study time is built into the programme for students to pursue their own increasingly independent learning and in Level 6; students are expected to develop this to produce a dissertation with individual supervision.

### **Course Aims**

The aims of the BA (Honours) Social Work degree course are:

- At the point of completion of the course, produce social work graduates who meet all six SWE (2019) Professional Standards, nine domains of the Professional Capabilities Framework (BASW 2018) at qualifying level, and who are therefore eligible to apply for professional registration as social workers with SWE.
- To deliver a coherent curriculum that is relevant to contemporary social work practice, which is evidence-informed including by up-to-date research, theory, knowledge, social work values and practice developments.
- To utilise diverse teaching, learning and assessment methods which support the development of competent, thoughtful and reflective practitioners, committed to personal and professional development with a sound ethical base, in line with: the Subject Benchmark Statement for Social Work (QAA, 2019); the Professional Standards (SWE, 2019), the Professional Capabilities Framework (BASW, 2018), the curriculum guides (TCSW/Higher Education Academy, 2012), and the Education and Training Standards (SWE, 2021).
- To work closely with key partners (external examiners, employers, social work managers and practitioners, people who use social work services, students and other professionals) to ensure that the course is informed by their views and responsive to their knowledge and experiences in order to ensure the relevance of the course for contemporary social work practice and to promote graduates' employability.
- Deliver the prescribed curriculum for the degree based upon documentation provided by Social Work England and the Quality Assurance Agency's benchmark statement for social work (QAA, 2019), the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (SHEQ), SWE Professional Standards (2019) and the Professional Capabilities Framework, managed by BASW (2018). Modules are also mapped against the Knowledge Skills Statements (KSS) for children and families and adults.

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- Provide students with an opportunity to develop a broad range of practice skills, knowledge and understanding of key subject areas and acquire a clear sense of social work values.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

The following statements define what students graduating from the BA (Hons) Social Work course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance

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12. Ability to make and maintain appropriate professional relationships with others, networking and working in partnership with individuals and teams including a commitment to multi-disciplinary/inter-professional practice (PS 2).

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